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CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, JANUARY 11

8:15 A.M. Meditative Worship
9:30 A.M. Church School
10:45 A.M. Divine Worship
4:00 P.M. CYF Steering Committee and Counselors Meeting
5:15 P.M. Living the Adventure and Edge of Adventure Groups
5:30 P.M. Youth Groups
7:00 P.M. Celebration Worship

MONDAY, JANUARY 12

7:30 P.M. Fellowship Guild, Lorea Kuhlman, 4125 Warsaw

TUESDAY, JANUARY 13

1:00 P.M. Gamboe Group, Connie Wells, 735 Poplar

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 14

9:00 A.M. Spice Group, Hortense Stevenson, 5022 Gardenview
7:30 P.M. Nelson Group, Peg Buskirk, 4430 Wilmette

THURSDAY, JANUARY 15

9:30 A.M. Edge of Adventure
7:00 P.M. Understanding the N.T.
7:30 P.M. Outreach & Service Committee
7:30 P.M. Chancel Choir

PANTRY NEEDS: PEANUT BUTTER, CEREALS, POWDERED MILK, MACARONI & CHEESE DINNERS

SAXON WILL BEQUEST

Last week the church received a check in the amount of $22,169.98 from the Executor of the estate of Edna R. Saxon. Her will read "All the rest, residue and remainder of my estate I give, divise and bequeath to First Christian Church-Disciples of Christ, 4800 South Calhoun Street, Fort Wayne, Indiana, to be used according to the "'Program and Policies for Memorials, Special Gifts, and Will Bequests to First Christian Church-Disciples of Christ of Fort Wayne.'"

The church is deeply indebted to her thoughtfulness and dedication which made this gift possible. It becomes a living example of continuing stewardship to further the work of Christ after death. This is a challenge for all of our will writing.

Since this bequest was undesignated, it will be equally divided among our four funds, namely:

1. CHURCH VOCATION MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND - The principal is invested and earnings are used for Church Vocation Scholarships, Summer Intern Program, and partial support when we have a Seminary Associate.

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SERVING JANUARY 11

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Ben Taylor
and Charles Ludwig
10:45 A.M. Harold Crowder
and Dean Widler

DEACONS

8:15 A.M. B. Lehman, D. Keebortz, R. Baugher, C. Cline
10:45 A.M. R. Krull, S. Schell, M.L. Hartzler, J. Taylor, S. Rayl, D. Short, K. Taylor, W. Bowen

USHERS

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, D. Smith
10:45 A.M. A. Cook, R. Chevalier, H. Stevenson, M. Byers

GREETERS

8:15 A.M. D. Keebortz-NW, R. Baugher-SW
10:45 A.M. R. Krull-NW, S. Schell-NE, M.L. Hartzler-SE, M. Cook-SW

ACOLYTES

8:15 A.M. Bobbi Sue Johnson and Beth Schilling
10:45 A.M. Michele Reeves and Mai Pauley

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Mary Cook and Kathlyn Banet

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

Bob and Bev Hendricks

HOMEBOUND COMMUNION

Jack Weicker - Walter Bowen
Steve Harter - Chad Cline

IN HOSPITALS

Lutheran 796 Mrs. Mamie Caldwell
Parkview 432 Mrs. Helen Sheerin
St. Joseph CCu Mrs. Ola McLinn
553 Mr. Kenneth Manes
Mr. Robert Isenberg

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS FROM HARDYS

Doyle, April, and Jon Hardy sent a belated Christmas Greeting which is posted outside the church office.

RESPONSES TO INVITATION:

During our Divine Worship Sunday, three came forward expressive of decisions.

MR. AND MRS. MARK AKERS, 4622 Danbury Drive 15, 485-0792, came in a transfer and reaffirmation. Mark comes in a transfer from Lincolnshire Church of the Brethren. Cynthia was baptized in 1958 and is the daughter of Alfred & Libby Pattengale. They are the parents of year and a half old twins, Joshua David and Matthew Paul. Mark is Manager of Advertising and Public Relations for Fort Wayne National Bank. Cindy worked in her area of Speech and Hearing Therapy before the twins arrived on the scene.

MRS. METTA STUCKY, 924 W. DeWald 04, identified in a transfer of membership from West Creighton Christian Church. Metta has Julie who is 7 and John who is 6. She is a Lead Computer Operator at Lincoln Life Insurance Co. She is a sister of Jim Stucky of our congregation.

DECEMBER AVERAGES

Church Worship	348
Church School	139
Program Support	$2,482.57
Building Fund	1,014.61

NEW MEMBERS DURING DECEMBER

Jack & Pat Bennett
Ramona Ketner
Debbie Brian

BASIC PROGRAM SUPPORT

Income per week needed	$2,102.44
Giving for 12/28	1,921.53
Giving for 1/4/76	1,824.12
Income to date needed	$56,766.44
Actual Income to date	54,371.40
Accumulated Shortage	2,395.04

SCHOOL OF CHRISTIAN GROWTH

Four weekly groups are organized and going. There is an invitation out for any final joiners to come no later than the second session.

LIVING THE ADVENTURE - Ruby Cline is leading on Sunday evenings at 5:15 P.M.

EDGE OF ADVENTURE - Miriam Bixenman is leading on Sunday evenings at 5:15 P.M.

EDGE OF ADVENTURE - Miriam Bixenman is leading a second group at 9:30 A.M. on Thursday mornings beginning today, January 8. There is child care.

UNDERSTANDING THE NEW TESTAMENT - Dr. Cline opens the first session of this Biblical study at 7:00 P.M. tonight in Room 120 with 15 enrolled. Child care is available and additional participants are welcome.

Registrants for FAMILY FUN FORUM are needed by this Sunday the 11th to make a final decision about this special group of six Fridays.

We currently have the following signed for the Lay Witness Training Conference in Indianapolis: Harold, Ruby, Chad & Carol Cline, Rocky, Lee & Melanie Baugher, Miriam Bixenman, Peg Buskirk, Nancy Wortley, Sharon Pauley, Eunice Conrad, Susan Jones, Sally Rudy, Ingrid von Buchler, Scott Rayl, and Ken Taylor. The registration form and $6 must be received by the church office by January 18.

Two other important events are the Serendipity Workshop on March 13 and the New Life Weekend on April 9 & 10.

C.Y.F. ON THE MOVE!

Ross Harter is currently teaching the C.Y.F. class for ninth, tenth, eleventh, and twelfth graders on Sunday mornings during Church School. Good echoes came out from the first week last Sunday.

Ralph and Judy Church have joined Russ and Nancy Wortley as CYF counselors. A spark of planning and enthusiams have sprung up in the last week and they are looking ahead.

This week the youth are turning in $1.75 for coupon tickets to see THE HIDING PLACE on Sunday, February 8 after meeting at the parking lot here at 3:30 P.M. After the movie they will return for discussion and interaction.

They have set,Saturday, January 31 for a sledding, ice skating, and tobogganing day.

They are planning an All-Church Square Dance on Saturday evening, February 14.

They have plans in the air for their ongoing Sunday evening Fellowship meetings at 5:30 weekly. This Sunday, there is a special meeting of the Steering Committee and counselors at 4:00 P.M.

They are repeating their invitation for standing requests for snow shoveling. Their total recepits will be used for the Youth Empowerment Fund--which is youth outreach support and programming. They would like to shovel only at homes where it is a service to those who cannot do it for themselves. Call the office if you have snow shoveling needs which the youth could assist.

SAXON WILL BEQUEST (from page one)

2. ENDOWMENT MEMORIAL TRUST FUND - The principal is invested and the earnings automatically go to program support semi-annually.

3. BUILDING AND EQUIPMENT FUND - This fund is used for major building and equipment needs by action of the Board and congregation.

4. CAPITAL OUTREACH FUND - Accumulated amounts are used each June 15th for a capital outreach project of mission, education, or benevolence of the brotherhood.

According to our policies, named accounts for Edna R. Saxon will stand in both our Church Vocation Memorial Trust Fund and the Endowment Memorial Trust Fund. Bequests may be undesignated like Mrs. Saxon's or specified for one or more of the funds.

The Stewardship Committee had a special brochure printed in the last year to interpret our program and as a resource to be taken to a lawyer when writing a will. These are available at all times at the church building. The full Policy document approved by the Congregation is also available for study upon request. We rejoice that First Christian has made responsible decisions and established a program worthy of this and other memorial and bequest gifts.

SUNDAY MORNING SERMON:

The sermon for Sunday is "AUTHORITY IN PERSONAL IDENITY" based especially on Mark 1:4-11 with Acts 10:34-48 and Isaiah 42:1-7 as background texts for study.

A LETTER TO OUR CHURCH:

Dear Friends:

Thank you very much for the nice gift of new socks, wool hats and mittens for our Home. It is greatly appreciated. Sharing with these less fortunate children was most thoughtful, and your kind gift will help with their care.

With best Holiday wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

John Petten, Administrator

Cleveland Christian Home

CALL FOR PRAYER TRIADS:

Support was given at Celebration Worship last Sunday night for participants in continuing daily intercessory prayer groupings of three. Interested persons are asked to sign at the office or at Celebration Worship during January. Assignments will be given on February 1 at Celebration Worship. A part of the emphasis is keeping updated on prayer concerns and needs of one another at least every other week--if not at Celebration Worship, then by some other regular contact. The assignments will continue for a six month interval at which time there will be reassignments.

MOVIE -- THE HIDING PLACE

Advance Tickets for the showing of this feature movie at Southtown Mall Cinema I or Georgetown Square 2 must be ordered with cash by our office no later than Jan. 16. The movie will begin on Jan. 30. and run from one to four weeks depending upon advance sales. Advance cost is $1.75 per person.

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CHURCH CALENDAR

SATURDAY, JANUARY 17
7:30 P.M. College & Career, Ingrid von Buchler, 7506 Ideal #19

SUNDAY, JANUARY 18
8:15 A.M. Meditative Worship
9:30 A.M. Church School
10:45 A.M. Divine Worship
5:15 P.M. Living the Adventure and Edge of Adventure
5:30 P.M. Youth Groups
7:00 P.M. Celebration Worship

MONDAY, JANUARY 19
10:00 A.M. Study Group
10:30 A.M. CWF Executive
11:45 A.M. CWF Salad Potluck
7:30 P.M. Evangelism Calling

TUESDAY, JANUARY 20
7:30 P.M. FCC vs. North Christian, West Creighton Gym

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 21
7:00 P.M. Super Sacred Sound Society of '76

THURSDAY, JANUARY 22
9:30 A.M. Edge of Adventure
7:00 P.M. Understanding the N.T.
7:30 P.M. Chancel Choir

FRIDAY, JANUARY 23
7:30 P.M. Lay Witness Training Conference, Beech Grove

SATURDAY, JANUARY 24
2:00 P.M. Harmony Class meets for outdoor party at Jack Weicker's farm

A NEW NAME

(Genesis 17:1-8 Abram's new name)

Lord, I want a new name
mine is worn, outgrown.
Can I trade it in
for one that fits better
The new person
that I would become?
Help me to change
to grow--not just to behave,
But feel--and be
more like your child.

The deed was done
as I still knelt and waited.
So I rose and
walked back into community.
The pattern of my life
remained the same,
Yet was transformed.
Now I am resurrected--free!
Thank you.
I am a new person and
I will keep my name!
(Anits Lyon Wheatcroft)

copied from Alive Now

SUNDAY MORNING SERMON:

"AUTHORITY IN ACCEPTANCE"
John 1:43-51, I Samuel 3:1-10

SERVING JANUARY 18

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Steve Harter and Merle Grimm

10:45 A.M. William Love and William Schilling

DEACONS

8:15 A.M. E. Place, K. Place, R. Baugher, B. Lehman

10:45 A.M. M. Crouse, E. Conrad, S. Hayes, M. Lehman, H. Stevenson, R. Johnson, D. Markley, R. Wortley

USHERS

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, D. Smith

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, R. Chevalier, H. Stevenson, M. Finkhousen

GREETERS

8:15 A.M. E. Place-NW, K. Place-SW

10:45 A.M. M. Lehman-NW, E. Conrad-SW, K. Banet-SE, M. Cook-SW

ACOLYTES

8:15 A.M. B. Grimm, S. Keebortz

10:45 A.M. J. Wortley, E. Jenkins

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COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

Pauline Meadows & girls

IN HOSPITALS

Parkview:

442 Mr. Mac McNamee

432 Mrs. Helen Sherrin

Lutheran:

796 Mrs. Mamie Caldwell

M217 Mr. Laurel Cole

411 Mr. Robert Hill

M214 Mr. Don Short

SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED

To Mrs. Lee Baugher and family in the death of her step-father, Walter Pollock last week.

PANTRY NEEDS

SOUPS, CEREALS, SUGAR

CANNED FRUITS

CWF SALAD POTLUCK

All women are invited next Monday, January 19, at 11:45 A.M. Bring a salad and table service. Drink and bread will be provided.

Worship is planned by the Brummel Group and the Program is being arranged by the Study Committee assisted by Mildred Hartmen. The Gamboe and Kepple Groups are doing meal and decorations.

The theme of the program is "Happy Birthday, USA". The program will be presented by four women from the Women's Heritage Commission, presenting portions of our nation's history in dramatic form.

There will be an Executive Committee Meeting at 10:30 A.M. There will be Child Care for the C.W.F. Meeting.

SPECIAL CHRISTMAS GIVING

A check for $1,000 was sent last week as our Special Outreach Christmas giving. $600 was the regular Christmas Outreach offering; $200 was for Emily Flinn Home and $200 was for the Cleveland Christian Home. This last $400 was from the Christmas Card Tree. Thanks for this special over-and-above effort!

THANKS TO THE CHURCH:

Dear Friends,

We want to thank you for the lovely flowers in memory of our dear friend, Glen Yagerlehner. I was going to say that I wished he could have seen them, but perhaps he did. Sincerely,

Mr & Mrs. Fane Clingenpeel

SIGNIFICANT ACTIONS OF BOARD ON JANUARY 6, 1976

The Board took offical action to co-sponsor Ed Allen, Jr. for ordination. "We recommend to the Commission on Ministry of the Southwest Region and to the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) the ordination of Ed Allen, Jr. to the ministry upon his graduation from Brite Seminary this spring. We gladly co-sponsor him for ordination with the Central Christian Church of Dallas. We claim Ed as one of our own who has grown up in our congregation, has served two periods in our intern program, and who has participated with us whenever he has visited here during his seminary days." Notice the following letter from Ed to the Board and Congregation:

TO THE GENERAL BOARD AND CONGREGATION:

Many members of First Christian Church have been supportative of my work at seminary and I have encouraged me to continue. You have also been very helpful through your church vocation program, and I am grateful for this help.

It is now time for me to start working on my ordination to the Christian ministry. This is being handles in the Southwest Region, but I want my home church to be a part of this important event in my life. It is my desire to have my ordination co-sponsored by First Christian Church in Fort Wayne and Central Christian Church in Dallas, Texas where I have been employed for the past two years.

As a further involvement in my ordination, I have asked Dr. Cline to participate in the service, which will be held at 10:55 A.M., May 23, 1976. I will be sending a formal invitation to the congregation at a later date.

Once again, I thank you for your support and encouragement.

Grace! Peace! Joy!
Ed Allen, Jr.

The Board voted to increase Art Mowery to 16 hours per week to take advantage of the increased earnings allowable under Social Security during 1976.

Upon recommendation of the Property Committee the Board voted acceptance of a bid of $11,809.00 for new Soundmaster #8 Folding Doors for the Parlor, Room 132, 133, and Fellowship Hall in our Building program from Old Fort. It also approved Baldus for the basic construction of the third floor and the conference room at a total of $16,890.00. More specifications are to be received and some changes nogotiated before work will begin on this bid.

The Treasurer's Report showed a slight decrease in our red operating funds from $-380.91 to $-311.03. In spite of the high December giving, we only made that gain because of high property bills especially our annual insurance payment.

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BOARD ACTION (from page three)

The Quarterly Report of the Memorial and Special Gifts Fund indicated the following balances:

A.	Church Vocation Memorial Trust Fund	
	Principal (invested money)	$35,498.78
	Income (Usuable for Church Vocation Programs)	1,736.88
B.	Endowment Memorial Trust Fund	
	Principal (invested money)	12,736.88
	Income (will move to program fund)	12.29
C.	Building and Equipment Fund	7,426.77
D.	Capitol Outreach Fund	5,646.19
E.	Edna Vaught Investment in Love Fund	718.66
		$63,790.32

Present were all 5 officers, 7 chairpersons, 6 representatives and 2 staff members.

1976 YEAR BOOK OF CHRISTIAN CHURCHES

This new annual report of our churches lists our congregation twice in the top 100 listings. Out congregation was 72nd in total outreach giving and our CWF was 57 in CWF outreach giving. We rejoice in these, but can definitely move forward in these and other areas. Only 8 of the top 100 congregations in total outreach giving were smaller in participating members than ours. This reference book can be borrowed for information and study from the church office.

BUILDING WORK ON WAY

Final specifications and orders are in process for the construction work in our north third floor and in Room 120. Work is expected to begin about January 26.

Orders have also been placed for the new folding doors for the parlor, Rooms 132, 133, and Fellowship Hall. Installation should be completed in 8 weeks.

CYF EVENTS

All high schoolers are invited promptly at 9:30 A.M. each Sunday morning in Room 132 for the Bible Lesson led by Ross Harter.

During the evening meeting at 5:30 P.M. this Sunday the 18th, three things will be featured:

1. An Election of officers to continue through August 31 of this year. Nominees from the Steering Committee which may be added to with nominations from the floor include: President: Melanie Baugher, Ken Taylor, and Diana Wortley (the second high will be vice-president.)

   Secretary: Carol Cline & Necia Stucker

   Treasurer: Robbie Pauley

2. The program will be a Serendipity experience led by Dr. Cline.

3. Worship will be led by Chad Cline.

Much activity is planned for the coming weeks. See future TIDINGS for details!

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ATURDAY, JANUARY 24
:30 P.M. College & Career, Church

UNDAY, JANUARY 25
:15 A.M. Meditative Worship
:30 A.M. Church School
0:45 A.M. Divine Worship
:15 P.M. Living the Adventure Edge of Adventure
:30 P.M. Youth Groups
:00 P.M. Celebration Worship

ONDAY, JANUARY 26
:30 P.M. Annual Meeting, Assoc. Churches, First Presbyterian

UESDAY, JANUARY 27
:30 P.M. Stewardship & Finance Committee
:30 P.M. FCC vs Christ Methodist West Creighton Gym

HURSDAY, JANUARY 29
:30 A.M. Edge of Adventure
:30 P.M. SSSS of '76 Rehersal
:00 P.M. Understanding the N.T.
:30 P.M. Chancel Choir

ANTRY NEEDS: PEANUT BUTTER, CANNED FRUIT, SUGAR, BABY FOOD

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

Our congregation is sharing in a pulpit exchange with Lincolnshire Church of the Brethren for Divine Worship at the 10:45 A.M. hour this Sunday. Olden Mitchell pastor of Lincolnshire will preach here with the title, GULLS, GEESE, AND CHRISTIANS" based on John 17:2-23; Romans 12:4,5; I Corinthians 12:12-14; 24-27. Dr. Cline will preach at Lincolnshire at 10:40 A.M. on the theme, "CALLED TO ONENESS IN CHRIST."

We will not have the exchange for the Meditative Worship at 8:15 A.M. Dr. Cline will preach on the theme, "AUTHORITY AS A CHANGER OF PEOPLE" based on Mark 1:14-20.

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is observed in Roman Catholic, Orthodox, and Protestant Churches as placing the Lord's Prayer for the oneness of his followers as a central thrust of our prayer and concern. Six churches in south Fort Wayne are sharing in a pulpit exchange.

SERVING JANUARY 25

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. George Bruckman and Ralph Church

10:45 A.M. Ben Taylor and Glenn Miller

DEACONS

8:15 A.M. M.L. Hartzler, S. Thompson, C. Cline, R. Baugher

10:45 A.M. E. Klepfer, E. Nordblom, R. Wortley, K. Taylor, R. Johnson, D. Young, W. Bowen, D. Andrew

USHERS

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, D. Smith

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, R. Chevalier, H. Stevenson, G. Bozarth

GREETERS

8:15 A.M. M.L. Hartzler-NW, S. Thompson-SW

10:45 A.M. E. Klepfer-NW, G. Moore-SW, E. Nordblom-SE, S. Knuckles-NE

ACOLYTES

8:15 A.M. A. Lee, K. Lee

10:45 A.M. S. Melchi, L. Sauerwein

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Norma Andrew and Susan Knuckles

HOMEBOUND COMMUNION

William Love - Robert Johnson
Charles Ludwig - Daryl Markley

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

Ross and Betty Harter

IN HOSPITALS

Lutheran: 621 Mrs. Mamie Caldwell
411 Mr. Robert Hill
M214 Mr. Donald Short
M209 Mrs. Elizabeth Halbrook

Parkview: 442 Mr. Melvin McNamee (to be taken to Med. Center in Indianapolis)
432 Mrs. Helen Sheerin

St. Jospeh: 817 Mr. John Wilhelm

THREE RESPONSES TO INVITATION

RICHARD L. JOHNSON, 4125 Arlington, 07, 456-3649 identified in a transfer of membership from West Berre Methodist Church, Albion, New York. He was joined in coming forward by his wife, Barbara, who was reared in this congregation. Dick is a research Chemist at Peter Eckrich and Sons, Inc.

MR. and MRS. CARL SCHWARTZ, 2138 Cheri Ct. 04, 432-1063, identified in a transfer from First Christian Church, South Bend. Carl is an accountant at the Essex Corp. office and Beth is a specialist in cancer cell growth in the Nickel-Caylor Clinic in Bluffton. Both are North Side graduates in 1971.

We welcome these in their common bond with us in Jesus our Lord!

CONGRATULATIONS ON BIRTH

To Larry and Laura Morris, a daughter, Michele Lynn on 10/30/75. Sorry for the late announcement!

APOLOGY TO ED ALLEN, JR.

Three typographical errors in his copied letter were office mistakes, not his errors. He wrote "supportive" not "supportative"; and "have encouraged me", not "and I have encouraged me"; and "is being handled" not "is being handles". Sorry Ed!

BASIC PROGRAM SUPPORT	
Income per week needed	$2102.44
Giving for 1/18	2059.88
Income to date needed	$60,971.32
Actual Income to date	58,080.73
Accumulated Shortage	2,890.59

CYF IS FOR ALL HIGH SCHOOLERS

Elected as officers to continue through August, 1976 are:

President: Ken Taylor
Vice-President: Melanie Baugher
Secretary: Diana Wortley
Treasurer: Carol Cline

Some special events include:

Saturday, Jan. 31 - Meet at 8:30 A.M. for tobogganning, sleding, and ice skating at Pokagan State Park, bring sack lunch.

Sunday, Feb. 1 - Meet at 3:45 P.M. to go see THE HIDING PLACE at Southtown Cinema I

Sunday, Feb. 8 - 5:30 P.M. Follow up discussion of THE HIDING PLACE

Saturday, Feb. 14 - Sponsor the All Church Square Dance from 7:30 to 10:30 P.M. This is for all ages and groups in the church. It will include mixer folk games and full instructions for all participants.

Worship leaders for Sunday Evening Meetings:

Jan. 25 - Robbie Pauley
Feb. 8 - Diana Wortley
Feb. 15 - Ken Taylor
Feb. 22 - Melanie Baugher
Feb. 29 - Jaynie Jenkins

CALL FOR MEN ON FEBRUARY 28

A Mini-Session '76 will be held from 7:00 to 9:00 P.M. at West Creighton Christian Church to interpret and inspire for SESSION 76 to be held at Purdue on June 18-22. Come and share this fellowship and informational meeting.

THE HIDING PLACE

Coupons are in for this feature movie at Southtown Cinema I from Jan. 30 to Feb. 5 and Georgetown Square II from Jan. 30 to Feb. 12. The coupons need exchanged for specific performance tickets if at a prime showing time, namely, 7:00 P.M. each evening and also 1:30 and 4:15 P.M. on Saturdays and Sundays. All other 1:30, 4:15, or 9:00 P.M. performances may be entered by using the coupon.

We have a few extra at $1.75 for any on a first come, first served basis.

FUN FAMILY FORUM

This special Growth Opportunity for couples is open for four more couples on a first come, first serve basis. Six couples shared the opening session. To enroll three things are needed:

1. Pay $10 registration fee to church office.
2. Secure first tape "Fun and Romance in Marriage" and work through as a couple.
3. Do weekly readings in text, THE INTIMATE MARRIAGE

The other five sessions are from 7:00 to 12:00 P.M. on Fridays, Feb. 13 & 27; March 5 & 26; and April 2.

HARMONG CLASS PARTY DATE CHANGED

All Harmony Class Members note--the date for our party at Jack Weicker's Farm has been changed to February 7. Same time, same format with potluck dinner at church.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!!!!

A fun and fellowship evening is planned from 7:30 to 10:30 P.M. Saturday, February 14. All are invited for an evening of folk and square dancing in Fellowship Hall. Fred Butler is the caller. Refreshments by the CYF. All on a donation basis. Young and old--all are welcome!

CHRISTMAS EVE READINGS

Request was made for some of the materials used at the Christmas Eve Candlelighting Worship at 11:00 P.M. These readings have been printed and are available in the Church office. Also available are copies of "Say Yes to Forgiveness" which was used partially in last Sunday's sermon and completely a year ago.

THANKS FOR VOLUNTER WORK

Many including Ed and Sue Allen, Marlene Crouse, Bill Love, George Bruckman, Steve Harter, Jim Ruble, George Davis, Russ Wortley, Joe Wiley, Rolland Ripple, Karen Flickinger, Jim Stucky, and Harold Crowder have done painting and other imporvements in rooms 132 and 133. The new carpet for these rooms is expected to be laid on Tuesday the 27th. Thanks for all the volunter help and imporvements!

SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED

To Andrew Cook in the death of his mother, Minnie F. Cook, in Elwood early Sunday morning.

To Russ Wortley and family in the death of his aunt, Mary Ogle, last week.

To Jerry Zimmerman and kin in the murder death of a 16 year old cousin in Chicago.

FINAL CALL FOR PRAYER TRIADS

Persons desiring to participate in daily intercessory prayer for two other persons are asked to sign up by calling the church office or by writing their name at Celebration Worship this Sunday night. These prayer traids will be announced and commissioned at Celebration Worship on February 1.

COMMUNION PREPARATION SCHEDULE

(Below is the Communion Preparation Schedule for now through July 11. PLEASE SAVE.

1/25, 2/1, 2/8
Norma Andrew & Susan Knuckles
2/15, 2/22, 2/29
Carole Lee & Edna Nordblom
3/7, 3/14, 3/21
Peg Buskirk & Eunice Conrad
4/4, 4/11
Dorothy Merriman & Amelia Dare
4/18
Elinor Place & Delores Keebortz
4/25, 5/2, 5/9
Gladys Moore & Eileen Klepfer
5/16, 5/23, 5/30
Norma Andrew & Kathlyn Banet
6/6, 6/13, 6/20
Carole Lee & Peg Buskirk
6/27, 7/4, 7/11
Mary Cook & Schellie Schell

SERENDIPITY WITH LYMAN COLEMAN

Saturday, March 13 at the Convention Center in Indianapolis, Lyman Coleman is leading a Serendipity Experience. We will leave our parking lot at 6:15 A.M. and return in early evening. His theme is "DREAM THE IMPOSSIBLE DREAM." It includes the depth of experience in history giving, affirmation, goal setting, and accountability.

$10 towards registration and Saturday noon meal is needed with your name in the church office as soon as possible. This is good for older youth and adults.

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FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH TIDINGS

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CHURCH CALENDAR

SATURDAY, JANUARY 31

8:30 A.M. CYF meet for tobaggoning at Pokagan. Bring lunch

7:30 P.M. College & Career at Susan Jones, 7112 Hickory Creek

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 1

8:15 A.M. Meditative Worship

9:30 A.M. Church School

10:45 A.M. Divine Worship

3:45 P.M. CYF to THE HIDING PLACE

5:15 P.M. Living the Adventure and Edge of Adventure

7:00 P.M. Celebration Worship

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 2

10:00 A.M. Study Group

7:30 P.M. Property Committee

7:30 P.M. Brummel Group, Andy Benny, 7710 Newlin

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 3

9:00 A.M. Kepple Group, Mary Cook, 323 W. Oakdale

6:30 P.M. SSSS of '76 rehersal

7:30 P.M. Board of Trustees

7:30 P.M. FCC vs. WCC

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 4

9:00 A.M. Spice Group, Betty Grimm, 1320 W. Sherwood Terr.

7:30 P.M. Higdon Group, Helen Williams, 6710 S. Calhoun

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 5

9:30 A.M. Edge of Adventure

12:00 Noon D.M.A. dinner & movie

7:30 P.M. Chancel Choir

GREETINGS IN OUR LORD JESUS:

As we have received the ministry and love of God in Jesus, we, the church are to continue that ministry both among ourselves and outwardly to our community and world. In spite of snow, cold, and ice and the hindering of many from Sunday worship for five Sundays much ministry has been going on among our people. We have had several in hospitals who sense the undergirding of the church community in prayer and love. We have 44 persons in serious group and study life in our School of Christian Growth. Ministry continues in spite of limitations of weather.

But our ministry as Christians is to reach beyond the church community into every facet of daily life. I believe the church is to be an enabler for every person who claims Christ to be used in this ministry in the context of life and relationships. Thus a persistent question of the church is, *"What is the shape of your ministry, and what can we do to prepare and sustain you in your obedience?"*

I would invite written responses to this question. Preaching, teaching, and worship and group life

(continued on page four)

SERVING FEBRUARY 1

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Charles Ludwig and Robert Rayl

10:45 A.M. Dean Widler and Cecil Rice

DEACONS

8:15 A.M. E. Place, K. Place, B. Lehman, D. Keebortz

10:45 A.M. D. Markley, D. Short, S. Rayl, J. Taylor, S. Knuckles, M. Lehman, S. Schell, R. Krull

USHERS

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, D. Smith

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, R. Chevalier, H. Stevenson, T. Frappier

GREETERS

8:15 A.M. E. Place-NW, D. Keebortz-SW

10:45 A.M. S. Knuckles-NW, M. Lehman-SW, S. Schell-SE, R. Krull -NE

ACOLYTES

8:15 A.M. Stephan & Stuart Crebb

10:45 A.M. Nancy & Anne Frappier

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Norma Andrew & Susan Knuckles

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

Sam and Barbara Hayes

IN HOSPITALS

Lutheran 761 Mrs. Mamie Caldwell

Parkview 442 Mr. Hugh Rice

442 Mr. Mel McNamee (expected to go to Indpls. Med Center on 1/28)

St. Joseph 517 Mr. John Wilhelm

819 Mrs. Clara Zimmerman (mother of our organist from N. Manchester)

BASIC PROGRAM SUPPORT	
Income per week needed	$2102.44
Giving for 1/25	1326.74
Income to date needed	$63,073.76
Actual Income to date	59,407.47
Accumulated shortage	3,666.29

UNSUNG WORKERS

We salute Linda King, who has worked for almost 5 years in our church nursery during the Church School hours. During this time, Linda has had one year leave, as each of our teachers do. She is always on hand, cheerful, and willing. Our children love her and she loves them. We give Linda a big "thank you" for caring for our children so that the parents may be a part of an adult church school class. Linda has no children of her own, but truly loves these church "small fry".

JANUARY AVERAGES

Worship	274
Church School	137
Program Support	$1715.05
Building Fund	275.09

NEW MEMBERS DURING JANUARY

Mr. Mark Akers
Mrs. Metta Stucky
Mr. Richard Johnson
Mr. & Mrs. Carl Schwartz

SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED

To Eunice Conrad in the death of her father in Laporte, Indiana, last Saturday night. The funeral service was on Tuesday.

BLANKET DRIVE

The annual Blanket Drive will be held in the month of February. Blankets go to Church World Service to be distributed in the world where there is need. Good clean used blankets may be placed in boxes at entrances or you may donate $3.00 for a blanket. CWF groups - bring blanket money to February meeting.

A LETTER FROM OUR NATIONAL OFFICE

First Christian Church

Dear Friends:

I have just caught up on my reading of The Disciple since returning from the Assembly of the World Council of Churches in Nairobi, and I have given some time to studying the reports of "Outreach Support Acheivement" carried in the December 7 and December 21 issues. (NOTE: FCC was among 414 congregations giving more than 20% of total income to brotherhood related outreach causes in the 1974-75 church year. Our 21.6% also included us on those 114 who gained more than 5% over the previous year.)

I want you and the congregation of First Christian Church to know the appreciation of administration and staff of the Division of Overseas Ministries for the marvelous support that has been given to the various outreach ministries of the Christian Church. Our division carries heavy responsibilities for seeking to make the very best use of the funds assigned to us by the Commission on Budget Evaluation. You have helped make possible new ministries of partnership, service and witness in many countries of the world where we have staff or where we have institutional connection of various kinds.

Emphasis has been placed in recent years on leadership education on the basis of our conviction that helping to produce leaders of the church around the world is one of the things that needs to be done desperately and that we can do most effectively. New experiments in public health ministries, together with ministries that emphasize agricultural development, have also been given priority. New opportunities for service and witness are constantly opening to us and we believe that in this kind of world the linkages that can be established and the proclamation of the gospel in whatever ways are open, are extraordinarily important. Please assure your congregation and its leaders that we make every effort to be good stewards of the funds entrusted to us to administer.

The staff joins me in sending greetings at the beginning of this year and expressing the hope that you and your congregation find in it new and creative opportunities to minister in the name of Jesus Christ.

Sincerely,
Robert Thomas,
Division of Overseas Ministries

GREETINGS (from page one)
should be directed so that we are being equipped for our ministry. Help us by writing your sense of needs and sustaining direction.

I hope to see you Sunday as we meet together and with God to prepare for another week of ministry for Christ!

Harold E. Cline

CHRISTIANS UNDER CONSTRUCTION

This group will have a covered dish dinner at 7:00 P.M., Friday, February 6, at the church fellowship hall. Bring food and own table service. We will go to the 9:30 P.M. showing of THE HIDING PLACE. For more info call Pam Bickel - 456-7496, or Susie Thompson - 445-8873.

CYF BUSY THIS WEEKEND

CYF youth will meet at 8:30 A.M. this Saturday to go to Pokagan for a day of tobogganing, ice skating, and sleding. Bring a sack lunch and some money for park and tobogganing costs. On Sunday we will meet at 3:45 P.M. to go see THE HIDING PLACE.

SINGLES WORKSHOP RETREAT

A workshop on the Church's ministry with single adults will be held at Calvary Presbyterian Church on Saturday morning, January 31, from 9:00 - 12:00. This event is sponsored by the Associated Churches and is for the divorced, widowed, or never married. Leadership includes: Pat Fulbright--Young Adult Project, Tim Peterson --Campus Minister IUPU; Thomas Steensma, Nebraska Neighborhood Project. Registration is $1.00 and child care is available.

TO ALL HARMONY CLASS MEMBERS

Get out the skates, sleds, knee pads, pillows--AGAIN--and plan to go Saturday, February 7 for the party at Jack Weicker's farm. Be sure to bring all the kids and meet at the church at 2:00 P.M. Afterwards, we'll return to the church for a potluck supper.

D.M.A. DINNER AND MOVIE

The D.M.A. will have a covered dish dinner at 12:00 noon on Thursday, February 5. Immediately following the meal they will go as a group to Southtown Cinema I to see THE HIDING PLACE. We still have a few available coupons for those who have not purchased them Contace the office as soon as possible for the price reduction in the movie.

HUNGER VARIETY SHOW COMING

The religious community of Fort Wayne and Allen County is sponsoring a PITCH (People Involved to Combat Hunger) Extravaganza at the Embassy Theater on March 24, 2:30 - 4:30 P.M. Donations of $4.00 for adults and $2.00 for students will go to hunger relief through one of three agencies, which may be designated by the doner: Church World Service, Catholic Relief Services; Jewish Joint Distribution Committee. The program will be presented by area high school musical groups. Information on ticket sales will be given in a future TIDINGS.

PANTRY NEEDS

<u>CANNED MEAT</u>, <u>BABY FOOD</u>, <u>MAIN DISH DINNERS</u>, <u>CEREALS</u>

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CHURCH CALENDAR

RIDAY, FEBRUARY 6
:00 P.M. CUC Dinner & Movie
ATURDAY, FEBRUARY 7
:00 P.M. Harmony Class Party
:00 P.M. C & C to HIDING PLACE
:00 P.M. FAW, Faith UCC
UNDAY, FEBRUARY 8
:15 A.M. Meditative Worship
:30 A.M. Church School
0:45 A.M. Divine Worship
:00 P.M. Chi Rho Sledding
:30 P.M. CYF meet for movie
:15 P.M. Living the Adventure, Edge of Adventure
:00 P.M. Celebration Worship
ONDAY, FEBRUARY 9
:30 P.M. Fellowship Guild, Ethel Shroyer, 4821 Tacoma
UESDAY, FEBRUARY 10
:00 P.M. Gamboe Group, Opal Perkins, 717 Union Ave. #1
:30 P.M. FCC vs. Calvary Pres.
:30 P.M. Lay Personnel Committee
EDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 11
:00 P.M. SSSS of '76 rehersal
30 P.M. Nelson Group, Colyn Crowder, 1024 Olympia
HURSDAY, FEBRUARY 12
30 A.M. Rivera Group, Parlor
30 P.M. Chancel Choir

"CALM AMID THE STORM"

Each of us need to find a "CALM AMID THE STORM" in our daily living and pressures. In our Gospel Scripture for this Sunday (Mark 1: 29-39) a busy and active Jesus seems to center his ministry by the experience of this Scripture, *"And in the morning, a great while before day, he rose and went out to a lonely place, and there he prayed."* (Mark 1:35)

Ponder the full dimensions of prayer as time with God, listening to God, finding a perspective of life, as well as communication to God. The implications of Jesus' pattern of prayer is the basis for the sermon this Sunday, "CALM AMID THE STORM." Are we finding a center for our living? Are we sensing peace out of which we are free to serve and give? Are we steady enough to face the reality of daily living? Do we know God and sense his presence and power with us for life?

Come to worship at 8:15 and 10: 45 A.M. this Sunday to held find a focus and insight from which we can live out our expressions of life.

SERVING FEBRUARY 8

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Robert Hendricks and Ben Taylor

10:45 A.M. James Ruble and Harold Crowder

DEACONS

8:15 A.M. R. Baugher, C. Cline, S. Thompson, M.L. Hartzler

10:45 A.M. J. Wiley, S. Hayes, K. Taylor, R. Johnson, R. Wortley, W. Bowen, E. Conrad, E. Klepfer

USHERS

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, D. Smith

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, R. Chevalier, H. Stevenson, M. Finkhousen

GREETERS

8:15 A.M. S. Thompson-NW, M.L. Hartzler-SW

10:45 A.M. G. Moore-NW, K. Banet-SW, E. Conrad-SE, E. Klepfer-NE

ACOLYTES

8:15 A.M. Bobbi Sue Johnson and Beth Schilling

10:45 A.M. John Wortley, Tim Sauerwein

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Norma Andrew and Susan Knuckles

HOMEBOUND COMMUNION

George Bruckman-Sam Hayes
Mark Snyder-Scott Rayl

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

Ralph and Jessie Keller

IN HOSPITALS

Parkview 442 Mr. Hugh Rice
Lutheran 589 Mrs. Esther Goins
Robert Long Hospital - Indpls.
662 Mr. Mel McNamee

BASIC PROGRAM SUPPORT

Income per week needed	$2102.44
Giving for 2/1	1739.91
Income to date needed	$65,176.20
Actual Income to date	61,147.38
Accumulated shortage	4,128.92

RESPONSE TO INVITATION:

MRS. DOROTHY W. SCHMIDT, 219 W. Sherwood Terrace 07, 456-4883, identified with our congregation in a transfer of membership from Zion Lutheran Church Sunday morning. Through the years, Dorothy had been in the furniture business with her husband who died in 1961. She and her sister are caring for their 100 year old mother in the home. We welcome Dorothy into our fellowship in Jesus our Lord.

The pastor is anxious to answer questions and give assistance towards people making this step of identification with the church or to make a first time commitment to Christ. Please be free to ask for a time to work through any questions or issues.

BLOOD DONOR DAY

South Fort Wayne is having a special opportunity to donate blood on Tuesday, February 10. Over 1,000 pints of blood were recently used in assisting the burn victims who were brought to Ft. Wayne from the plant explosion in Elkhart. Any from age 17 to 65 are urged to go to Peace Lutheran Church from 11:30 to 4:00 P.M. for this Red Cross Blood collection.

VALENTINE FOLK & SQUARE DANCE

All are invited to Fellowship Hall at 7:30 P.M. on Saturday, Feb. 14 for this three hour fun night sponsored by the CYF. The dance and refreshments are on a donation basis. Fred Butler will be the caller. You need not be a trained square dancer to come and participate!

HUNGER HURTS . . . WEEK OF COMPASSION

HELP HEAL! FEBRUARY 22 - 29, 1976

Our Outreach and Service committee chaired by Marlene Crouse and assisted widely by groups of our Church School will help intrepret the work and ministry enabled by our Week of Compassion. Our total Church School offering on February 22 goes for this cause plus all received in special Week of Compassion envelopes either from the pew holders or envelope sets. Last year we shared $1,000 in special giving plus $100 a month from budget support. We are currently giving $125 per month from regular weekly giving and should equal or exceed the $1,000 in special giving. This is a most worthy cause. Read the following letter:

Dear Friends:

It is true that hunger hurts. But there are other hurts, too. Like suddenly being uprooted and homeless as people in Angola and Cyprus have been . . . Like living in the midst of gunfire. People in Lebanon and Ireland never know where the blasts will come from. Like having your solid world suddenly break into pieces. Many people were caught by that earthquake in Turkey.

In each of these cases, as well as in the famine situations of Haiti, Africa, Bangladesh and India, your Week of Compassion offering has helped to make healing possible. All through this next year, when sudden disasters occur, your offering will be about its healing work. All through the year, rural and urban development programs will continue to increase food production and work toward a more just distribution of resources because your Week of Compassion offering is part of the One Great Hour of Sharing.

Nationally, the goal for Week of Compassion is $1,175,000! Last year we reach our goal and were able to contribute generously to the causes we support. Exchange rates hurt the dollar value, but grateful letters of acknowledgment made no mention of that fact. I wish our offering could be so generous that it would cancel the inflation loss!

Sincerely,
Marilynne Hill,
Administrative Director,
Week of Compassion

PAPER DRIVE

Our Chi Rho Fellowship is sponsoring a paper drive on Saturday, February 21. Donations of paper will be appreciated. These should be brought to the church before that Saturday and placed on the stage. If you cannot bring your papers and need pick-up service, call Ingrid von Buchler (747-7075 evenings) to arrange for a pick up.

SPECIAL CHI RHO EVENTS

The Chi Rho group (7th & 8th graders) will meet at the church at 2:00 P.M. this Sunday, February 8, to go to Franke Park to go sledding. Bring sleds and dress warmly!

On February 22, Chi Rho will leave the church at 1:00 P.M. to go to Pokagan State Park to go tobagganing. We will return to the church about 6:00 P.M. Be sure to led Ingrid von Buchler (747-7075) know if you plan to go to either or both of these events.

COLLEGE AND CAREER TO SEE HIDING PLACE

This Saturday evening, February 7, College and Career (Singles) Class will be going to see the movie, THE HIDING PLACE. The group will meet at the church at 8:00 P.M. and go from there to the movie.

CHRISTIANS UNDER CONSTRUCTION POTLUCK AND MOVIE PARTY

CUC's will meet Friday evening at 7:00 P.M. in Fellowship Hall for Potluck Dinner and go to the 9:30 P.M. showing of THE HIDING PLACE.

LAUBACH TRAINING CONFERENCE

The Fort Wayne Literacy Council will sponsor a Laubach Tutor Training Conference on February 16, 18 and 19. Registration will be February 16 at 9:00 A.M. Sessions will be held at the Broadway Christian Church from 9:30 A.M. to 2:15 P.M. on the dates above. There will be a $6.50 fee for the tutor's kit. All participants should bring a sack lunch. For further information, call Mrs. Rothert, 456-1863.

JUICE CANS NEEDED

We are in need of about 100 frozen juice cans of the zip off top variety between now and April 1. These need to be washed out and both can and lid saved. There is no need for the zipper strip. These are needed for children's offerings at Easter, since our Brotherhood is no longer providing boxes for children's offerings but is instead providing a wrapper that will fit these cans. Your help will be appreciated. Please bring cans to Mrs. Bixenman's office, or place in the box near the church entry way off the parking lot.

HARMONY CLASS OUTDOOR PARTY

This is the Saturday for our sledding, skating, hiking party at Jack Weicker's farm. Meet at the church at 2:00 P.M. and we will go from there. We will return to the church for a potluck dinner.

PANTRY NEEDS: CANNED FRUIT, CANNED MEAT, CRACKERS, CEREALS

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CHURCH CALENDAR

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 14
7:30 P.M. All-Church Square Dance
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15
8:15 A.M. Meditative Worship
9:30 A.M. Church School
10:45 A.M. Divine Worship
5:15 P.M. Living the Adventure
Edge of Adventure
5:30 P.M. Youth Groups
7:00 P.M. Celebration Worship
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 16
10:00 A.M. Study Group
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17
8:30 P.M. FCC vs Village Green
Free Methodist
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18
7:00 P.M. SSSS of '76 rehersal
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19
9:30 A.M. Edge of Adventure
6:50 P.M. Ecumenical Choir Sing
Rehersal
7:00 P.M. Understanding the N.T.

PANTRY NEEDS: SUGAR, CRACKERS, PEANUT BUTTER, FRUIT JUICES

JESUS -- THE HEALER

This is the theme as we continue looking at the ministry of Jesus in our Sunday morning sermons. Textual background includes Mark 1:40-45; II Kings 5:1-14; I Corinthians 10:31-11:1; Matthew 10:1; Psalms 147:3, 103:2-4.

How do you view Jesus' healing ministry? What is the continuing healing ministry of the church today? Do you see the union of healing and wholeness in our Lord Jesus?

Did you ever wonder if you could possibly be the one to avoid disease and death? Did you ever experience any kind of healing just when no one thought you could, not even yourself? Did you ever forget to give thanks for good health?

We hope to see you Sunday without some of the snow, drifts, and ice which have plagued us for several Sundays.

ALL - CHURCH SQUARE DANCE

All are invited from 7:30 to 10:30 this Saturday evening in Fellowship Hall. Donation basis for caller and refreshments. Sponsored by C.Y.F. Fred Butler is caller. Instructions for all to participate in folk and square dances. Have an evening of fun!

SERVING FEBRUARY 15

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Merle Grimm and Ralph Church

10:45 A.M. Steve Harter and William Love

DEACONS

8:15 A.M. R. Baugher, C. Cline, E. Place, K. Place

10:45 A.M. J. Taylor, M. Crouse, R. Krull, E. Nordblom, T. Frappier, S. Hayes, S. Schell, S. Thompson

USHERS

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, D. Smith, B. Lehman

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8:15 A.M. B. Grimm & S. Keebortz

10:45 A.M. M. Reeves, M. Pauley

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Parkview: 442 Mr. Hugh Rice

Lutheran: CCU Mr. Daryl Markley

589 Mrs. Esther Goins

467 Mr. Rob Fisher

439 Renee Pence

620 Mrs. Mildred Walsh

M121 Mrs. Eda Passwater

458 Mrs. Cindy Dobbins

Robert Long Hospital -Indpls

662 Mr. Mel McNamee

ADDRESS FOR CONTACT

Mrs. Tillie McNamee
4 Rutledge Place
Terre Haute, Indiana, 47803

CELEBRATION WORSHIP SURPRISE!

Steve Doles appeared and led singing with his guitar last Sunday night. He will be with us first weekend of March, April, and May. We are planning an All-Church Dinner on Sunday, March 7 to see his slides of the Holy Land and to sing. Mark your calendar for 12:15 P.M. on the 7th!

MRS. BIXENMAN TO ST. LOUIS

Mrs. Bixenman left last Friday for the annual meetings of the Association of Christian Church Educators and the Joint Education Development meetings sponsored interdenominationally through the National Council of Churches. She will be back in the office this Saturday.

CHI RHO PAPER DRIVE

Our Chi Rho Fellowship is sponsoring a paper drive on Saturday, February 21. Bring papers prior to that date to the stage of Fellowship Hall. If pick up is needed, call Ingrid von Buchler (747-7075 in evenings).

HOSTING MAP CLUSTER

A Report of Outreach Support in Indiana through December and the challenge which lies ahead for the church will be focused at a Regionally sponsored cluster meeting at our church at 6:30 P.M., Wednesday, February 25. Call the church office to make reservation at $2.00 for the served meal.

CALL FOR PAINTERS: We are asking for volunters to help paint Fellowship Hall either Thurs., Feb. 26 or Sat. Feb. 28. Call the office is able to help.

SIGNIFICANT ACTIONS OF THE BOARD FEBRUARY 3, 1976

At the recommendation of the Education Committee the comprehensive letter of our Church Librarian on funding, housing, and future expectations was approved. The first action of note is the setting of Room 130 for the Church Library. The Education and Property Committees are to make plans and report to the March meeting.

The Property Committee recommended the following awarding of bids in our Property Improvement program:

C.A. Lehman, General Contractor - Third Floor and Conference Room	$ 19,807.00
Hosler - Air Conditioning of the Nave	8,895.00
A.B. Dick - Self Cleaning Offset & Copier	2,760.00
Addressograph-Multigraph - Addressograph and Graphotype Machines	1,800.00

The Board approved these bids. Thus the major work portion is now under contract. Maximal Building Fund Giving at this time will minimize loan costs and extend furnishing possibilities.

Three motions of the Stewardship-Finance Committee were approved.

1. A recommendation of regularized calls on new members for the Membership Committee to share information, the Lay Personnel Committee to secure service desires, and the Stewardship Committee to share information and material.
2. A recommendation that the church budget be changed to a calendar year beginning January 1, 1977. This would clarify giving information, provide a better timing for stewardship commitment programs, and assist committees in timing of budget requests. An interim budget will be used for this July through December.
3. A recommendation which also must be confirmed by the congregation to utilize the undesignated money of the Building and Equipment Funds in our present Building program. This would include present undesignated funds and all others received from now through December, 1978 unless there would be individual gifts over $500.

The Board approved vacancy replacements recommended by the Lay Personnel Committee: Joe Wiley as Deacon representative to Board until June 30 1977; Cory Church as deacon until June 30, 1979; and Margaret Love as elder until June 30, 1980. The resignation of Elsie Widler as a congregational representative to the board was accepted with regret.

The treasurer's report showed January program support income of $6,860.19 against needs projected of $8,409.80. Our operating deficit for the month was held to $625.27 which put our operating fund to -$936.30.

DIACONATE SERVING SCHEDULE - FEBRUARY 22 - MARCH 28

	FEBRUARY 22	FEBRUARY 29	MARCH 7	MARCH 14	MARCH 21	MARCH 28
8:15 DEACONS	B. Lehman	R. Baugher	M.L. Hartzler	M. Lehman	C. Cline	R. Baugher
	C. Church	B. Lehman	D. Keebortz	B. Lehman	C. Church	D. Keebortz
	D. Keebortz	C. Church	B. Lehman	R. Baugher	M.L. Hartzler	E. Place
	M.L. Hartzler	C. Cline	C. Cline	D. Keebortz	J. Taylor	K. Place
8:15 USHERS	G. Bruckman	G. Bruckman	G. Bruckman	G. Bruckman	G. Bruckman	G. Bruckman
	D. Smith	D. Smith	D. Smith	D. Smith	D. Smith	D. Smith
	J. Stucky	B. Lehman	B. Lehman	J. Stucky	J. Stucky	R. Baugher
8:15 GREETERS	C. Lee	D. Keebortz	M.L. Hartzler	C. Lee	R. Yentes	C. Lee
	E. Place	R. Yentes	D. Keebortz	E. Place	D. Keebortz	M.L. Hartzler
10:45 DEACONS	R. Johnson	K. Taylor	J. Taylor	M. Crouse	M. Finkhousen	D. Short
	R. Wortley	M. Lehman	R. Wortley	M. Finkhousen	R. Wortley	M. Finkhousen
	J. Wiley	R. Baugher	R. Baugher	W. Bowen	R. Baugher	M. Crouse
	S. Rayl	S. Schell	S. Hayes	J. Wiley	R. Johnson	W. Bowen
	K. Taylor	M. Crouse	D. Short	R. Krull	K. Taylor	K. Taylor
	H. Stevenson	E. Nordblom	K. Taylor	S. Knuckles	D. Young	J. Taylor
	R. Baugher	D. Young	R. Johnson	E. Conrad	H. Stevenson	T. Frappier
	D. Short	S. Thompson	T. Frappier	S. Schell	S. Hayes	S. Rayl
10:45 USHERS	A. Cook	A. Cook	A. Cook	A. Cook	A. Cook	A. Cook
	H. Stevenson	R. Chevalier	R. Chevalier	R. Chevalier	R. Chevalier	R. Chevalier
	R. Chevalier	H. Stevenson	H. Stevenson	H. Stevenson	H. Stevenson	H. Stevenson
	T. Frappier	M. Finkhousen	S. Hayes	T. Frappier	M. Byers	M. Finkhousen
10:45 GREETERS	E. Klepfer	R. Krull	M. Lehman	G. Moore	A. Dare	M. Lehman
	M. Cook	A. Dare	K. Banet	S. Schell	R. Krull	K. Banet
	S. Thompson	S. Knuckles	E. Conrad	S. Thompson	S. Schell	E. Conrad
	E. Nordblom	S. Schell	E. Klepfer	P. Buskirk	S. Knuckles	E. Klepfer

PLEASE SAVE THIS SCHEDULE FOR YOUR REFERENCE AND AS A REMINDER OF YOUR TIMES TO SERVE.

IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO SERVE ON YOUR ASSIGNED SUNDAY, ARRANGE FOR A SUBSTITUTE. IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO ARRANGE A SUBSTITUTE, CALL ROCKY BAUGHER, CHAIRMAN, 456-2100

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CHURCH CALENDAR

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21
8:30 A.M. SSSS of '76
9:00 A.M. Chi Rho Paper Drive
9:00 A.M. Pre-School Leadership Training
3:00 P.M. College & Career, Doug Olson, 4725 South Wayne

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22
:15 A.M. Meditative Worship
:30 A.M. Church School
0:45 A.M. Divine Worship
:00 P.M. Chi Rho Tobaggoning
:15 P.M. Living the Adventure, Edge of Adventure
:30 P.M. Ecumenical Choir Festival

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23
:30 P.M. Evangelism Calling

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24
:30 P.M. Lay Personnel Committee

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 25
:30 P.M. MAP Cluster Dinner and Meeting

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26
aint Day - Fellowship Hall
:30 A.M. Edge of Adventure
:00 P.M. Understanding the N.T.
30 P.M. Chancel Choir

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 27
00 P.M. Family Fun Forum

ECUMENICAL CHORAL FESTIVAL

Our church is hosting the annual Ecumenical Choral Festival involving seven choirs this Sunday evening at 7:30 P.M. This musical special to which all of us and our friends are invited will replace our usual Celebration Worship. This is truly a Celebration through Music!

The director of the choirs have selected anthems which then have been used in the separate congregations. On Sunday night the choirs unite as one with 160 voices singing the same music which has been used separately. The participating congregations include *Christ, New Haven, Simpson, South Wayne, and Waynedale United Methodist Church, St. John the Baptist Catholic Church and First Christian.*

Sara Davis, our musical director, has been chairperson for this year in planning the event. Child care will be provided beginning at 6:45 P.M. The various pastors are participating in the event. Our recently named "Super Sacred Sound Society of '76" are singing "Elijah Rock." The special Bicentennial hymn written for Fort Wayne will be sung by all of us.

SERVING FEBRUARY 22

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Jack Weicker and Charles Ludwig

10:45 A.M. William Love and Robert Hendricks

DEACONS

8:15 A.M. B. Lehman, C. Church, D. Keebortz, M.L. Hartzler

10:45 A.M. R. Johnson, R. Wortley, J. Wiley, S. Rayl, K. Taylor, H. Stevenson, R. Baugher, D. Short

USHERS

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, D. Smith, J. Stucky

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, H. Stevenson, R. Chevalier, T. Frappier

GREETERS

8:15 A.M. C. Lee-NW, E. Place-SW

10:45 A.M. E. Klepfer-NW, M. Cook-SW, S. Thompson-SE, E. Nordblom-NE

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Carole Lee and Edna Nordblom

HOMEBOUND COMMUNION

Bill Schilling - Delmas Young
Dean Widler - Jim Taylor

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

Mildred Hartman, Mildred Hutchinson

IN HOSPITALS

VA Hospital in Indpls:
Mr. Melvin McNamee

LUTHERAN: CCU Mrs. Esther Goins
667 Mr. Daryl Markley
M121 Mrs. Edith Passwater

COLLEGE & CAREER

This group will meet at 8:00 P.M. this Saturday, February 21, at the home of Doug Olson, 4725 South Wayne.

PANTRY NEEDS: BABY FOOD, MAIN DISH DINNERS, SOUPS, SUGAR

MISSION AND PRIORITIES CLUSTER

We are hosting a cluster meeting of our Christian Churches next Wednesday the 25th at 6:30 P.M. Any and all of us are invited for the meal at 6:30 at a cost of $2.00. Call the church office by Monday noon for a meal reservation.

The program will be led by Bill Barnes, Vice President of Christian Theological Seminary who is in charge of Development, Mabel Metze, Division of Homeland Ministries of the Christian Church; and Jim Keown, Associate Regional Minister of Indiana.

PANTRY REPORT (Oct-Dec, 1975)

Referrals	65
(Food 56, Clothing 9)	
Days of Food	172
Adults served	65
Children served	143
Total individual meals	1,926
Clothing Needs	
Adults	1
Children	15

We appreciate tireless work of Betty Grimm, Kathy Graham and many other workers. Thanks also to North Christian Church which gave us a special collection of food items from Christmas.

BASIC PROGRAM SUPPORT

Income needed	$2102.44
Giving 2/8	1782.20
Giving 2/15	1818.33
Income to date needed	$69,381.08
Actual Income to date	64,747.91
Shortage	4,634.17
Building Fund 2/8	274.25
Building Fund 2/15	317.75
Building Fund to date	21,983.28

WEEK OF COMPASSION - FEBRUARY 22 TO 29, 1976

Our total Church School offering of February 22 and offering received in the Special Envelopes will support this world ministry of aid and relief. We anticipate over $1,000 in special giving to undergird this ministry. We have already received $250.00 towards this effort.

Our College and Career Youth have helped interpret this ministry in worship for several weeks. Our Fifth and Sixth Graders have made posters which are throughout the building. A special Newspaper is being prepared by our Seventh and Eighth Graders and a special gift to each worshipper this Sunday from the Third and Fourth Graders. We thank these for their help in pointing to this ministry.

Several of our children, youth, and adult classes will meet in Fellowship Hall from 9:35 to 9:55 A.M. next Sunday to view "WHAT ONE PERSON CAN DO" which tells of the volunteer ministry of Ray Fogg from one of our Ohio churches. Our special efforts now undergird continuing efforts of relief and rehabilitation around our world in points of need.

Our past and present giving to Week of Compassion allowed the church through Church World Service to respond within a matter of hours to needs in the recent Guatamalan earthquake. Emergency crisis such as Guatamala are one of the major concerns of Week of Compassion.

HUNGER HURTS ... HELP HEAL. The Week of Compassion stretches every dollar given into a big one in helping heal the hurts of hunger. It brings relief to refugees and persons suffering from cataclysmic natural disasters. It strengthens the self-help developmental programs in about 40 countries around the world.

This special offering is received once a year, but it continues to work throughout the year. It makes possible immediate response to need when crisis conditions arise. It makes possible research into ways of preventing disasters, imporving seeds, developing water resources, finding new sources of that all-important protein. It makes possible human development in Third World Countries.

HUNGER HURTS . . . YOU AND I CAN HELP IN HEALING MINISTRIES IN

THE NAME OF JESUS CHRIST.

CALL FOR GOOD FRIDAY DRAMA

The South Side Churches are cooperating with First Presbyterian Church in the production of "THE GARDEN PARTY" for presentation at 7:30 P.M. on Good Friday probably in our Nave. It will be presented in the afternoon at First Presbyterian Church.

Auditions will be held on Sunday, March 7 at 2:00 P.M. and Wednesday evening, March 10 at 7:30 P.M. at First Presbyterian Church Theatre. Rehersal schedule will be finalized when the play is cast but will likely be late afternoon. John Tolley is director and Bill Dixon is the writer of the drama.

Let's have several cast members!

SERENDIPITY WORKSHOP

"THE IMPOSSIBLE DREAM" is the theme for the 1975-76 Serendipity workshops led by Lyman Coleman and Dave Stone. We have the following who have signed up and paid for the coming workshop: Ingrid von Buchler, Andy Benny, Donna Nash, Jean Hughes, Harold and Ruby Cline. The workshop is being held in the Convention Center in Indianapolis, March 13. We will leave the parking lot at 6:15 A.M. and return in the evening.

YOUR WEEK OF COMPASSION DOLLARS HELP

PONDER IN PREPARATION FOR SUNDAY

"THE CONFRONTING POTENTIAL OF JESUS" especially from the text Mark 2:1-12 is the focus of our sermon this Sunday. Background scriptures include Isaiah 43:18-25 and II Corinthians 1:18-22. Picture yourself in the various roles of people in the Gospel story of Jesus. Move from the crowd of observers to the pallet of confrontation. What need fulfilled is Jesus offering us?

PAINT DAY VOLUNTEERS

We are seeking for 20 or 30 painters to help on either Thursday, February 26 or Saturday, February 28. To this point we have the following signers: February 26: Ralph & Judy Church; February 28: Steve Harter, Russell Wortley, George Davis, Herb Banet, Max Finkhousen. Will you call the church office, 744-3239 or sign up this Sunday?

"TO FIND NEW LIFE"

A meaningful Lenten experience is offered for persons seeking to find meaningful life in Jesus. From 7:00 to 10:00 P.M. on Friday, April 9 and from 9:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. on Saturday, April 10, we are holding a retreat opportunity using the creative material, "TO FIND NEW LIFE" Register as soon as possible so you can read the Retreat Book written by Frank C. Mabee. The $5 fee covers the book cost and a catered Saturday luncheon.

New life is that newness of God's activity among us. Each will probe the possibilities of how to find a new life--to become a new person in Christ.

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CHURCH CALENDAR

ATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28
Paint Day - Fellowship Hall
:30 P.M. College & Career
1319½ Wildwood

UNDAY, FEBRUARY 29
:15 A.M. Meditative Worship
:30 P.M. Church School
0:45 A.M. Divine Worship
:00 P.M. Chi Rho
:30 P.M. Living the Adventure,
Edge of Adventure
:30 P.M. CYF
:00 P.M. Celebration Worship

ONDAY, MARCH 1
:30 P.M. Evangelism Calling
:30 P.M. Brummel Group, Andy
Benny, 7710 Newlin

UESDAY, MARCH 2
:00 A.M. Kepple Group, Ethel
Flowers, 9410 Saratoga Road
:30 P.M. Board of Trustees

EDNESDAY, MARCH 3
:00 A.M. Spice Group, Gwynth
Rice, 7001 Premiere Drive
:45 P.M. Higdon Group, Kathlyn
Banet, 933 W. Oakdale

HURSDAY, MARCH 4
:30 A.M. Edge of Adventure
:00 P.M. Understanding the N.T.
:30 P.M. Chancel Choir

ANTRY NEEDS: SMALL GLASS JARS OR PLASTIC CONTAINERS: CANNED VEGETABLES: BABY FOOD

"A VISION THAT TRANSFORMS"

Our central community experience in worship this Sunday will focus on this theme based on Mark 9:2-9. Read also II Kings 2:1-12a; II Corinthians 3:12-4:2, and Mark 2:13-22.

Worship expresses our gratitude and praise to God. This is done in song, word, and communion.

Worship is giving of our tithes and offerings to express love for God and for others through enabled ministries.

Worship is gaining a fresh image of God so that life can be brought into greater conformity with his desires and purposes.

Worship is making basic decisions which offer possibilities for growth in relationships with God, self, others, and the world.

Worship springs out of our celebration of what God has done in Jesus and reaffirms that we are God's people through the love and grace of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Worship is a community experience of mutual stimulation and expression so that each one finds growth and relationship with God and other persons.

Join us for worship this Sunday!

SERVING FEBRUARY 29

Elders

8:15 A.M. Glenn Miller and George Bruckman

10:45 A.M. William Schilling and Margaret Love

Deacons

8:15 A.M. R. Baugher, B. Lehman, C. Church, C. Cline

10:45 A.M. K. Taylor, M. Lehman, R. Baugher, S. Schell, M. Crouse, E. Nordblom, D. Young, S. Thompson

Ushers

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, D. Smith, B. Lehman

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, R. Chevalier, H. Stevenson, M. Finkhousen

Greeters

8:15 A.M. D. Keebortz-SW, R. Yentes-NW

10:45 A.M. R. Krull-SW, A. Dare-NW, S. Knuckles-SE, S. Schell-NE

Acolytes

8:15 A.M. Scott Keebortz

10:45 A.M. Kevin Bozarth, Brian Ruble

Communion Preparation

Carole Lee & Edna Nordblom

Coffee Hour Hosts

Jim and Becky Stucky

IN HOSPITALS

V.A. HOSPITAL - Indianapolis
2 East - Mr. Mel McNamee

LUTHERAN: 671 Mr. Daryl Markley
CCU Mr. James Goins

FUNERAL OF MEMBER

Mrs. Esther (Billie) Goins on 2/21/76. She united with our fellowship by confession and baptism in 1960. Sympathy is extended to her husband, Jim, and his family.

BUILDING FUND TOTAL
$22,198.78

RESPONSES TO INVITATION

MR. AND MRS. LARRY M. BUSSE, 3415 S. Harrison, 07, 745-0039, covenanted with us in a transfer of membership Sunday from the Aldersgate Methodist Church. Larry is employed by Pot Latch in Industrial Park as a sealer. Cheryl is currently on maternity leave from her regular job as a LPN in Intensive Care at Lutheran Hospital. They have a daughter, Marsha, who is two.

ECUMENICAL CHORAL FESTIVAL

This was an outstanding night of singing and music in the life of our fellowship. It was a rich privilege to host the occasion.

We thank the directors, organists, and choir members for their efforts. We thank those who hosted the Reception through serving and baking cookies, those who helped move chairs, and the CYF for ushering. A special thanks goes to Sara Davis who chaired this event and spent much time and effort in its behalf.

SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED

To Robert Johnson and family in the death of his mother last week. Burial was in Vincennes.

To Don Passwater and family in the death of his mother, Edith Passwater, Sunday night at Lutheran Hospital.

BASIC PROGRAM SUPPORT	
Income needed	$2,102.44
Giving 2/22	1,465.67
Income to date needed	$71,483.52
Actual income to date	66,213.58
Accumulated shortage	5,269.94

SPECIAL LENTEN GROWTH OPPORTUNITIES

SERENDIPITY WORKSHOP

1975-76 SERENDIPITY WORKSHOP -- "THE IMPOSSIBLE DREAM" to be led by Lyman Coleman and Dave Stone on Saturday, March 13, from 9:00 A.M. to 5:45 P.M. in Indianapolis. Cars will leave our parking lot at 6:15 A.M. and return in early evening. For our people, we need to receive your share of registration which is $10 before we can mail in the registration. Do this before it becomes too late. Group life becomes a deep experience with valid techniques which are valid for many uses in the church. It is a non-threatening atmosphere of interaction based on history giving, affirmation, goal-setting, and accountability. Turn in your name with $10 to the office NOW!

NEW LIFE RETREAT

"TO FIND NEW LIFE" by Frank C. Mabee is the resource material for participants on Friday evening, April 9 from 7:00 to 10:00 and from 9:00 to 4:00 on Saturday, April 10. We are asking for an immediate confirmation or signing for this event by turning in your name and $5 to the church office. The money will provide for a book and also a catered luncheon on Saturday noon. This event is especially valuable for persons considering a decision for Christ or commitment within our fellowship. It is good for any member to find a new lenten experience of new life through Jesus. The curriculum booklet needs to be read in advance of the weekend.

YOUTH DISCIPLESHIP LOCK IN

Youth of sixth, seventh, and eighth grades are urged to participate in a new event to be led by Dr. Cline, Miriam Bixenman and other leaders of our church. It is during spring vaction from 1:00 P.M. on Thursday, April 1 until 5:00 P.M. on Friday, April 2. Meals will be served and we will sleep at church in sleeping bags. This replaces the usual 10 week series of classes by the pastor and puts it in a concentrated block. Registrants will do preparatory reading and will have a variety of experiences during the event including study, worship, play, eating, study times, sleeping and community life.

REGISTRATION FORM FOR SERENDIPITY WORKSHIP, NEW LIFE RETREAT, YOUTH LOCK-IN

NAME or NAMES _____

ADDRESS _____ PHONE _____

_____ Serendipty Workshop ($10 per person)

_____ New Life Retreat ($5 per person)

_____ Youth Discipleship Lock-in

WEEK OF COMPASSION

The immediate response of the churches to the Guatemalan earthquake is illustrative of the prompt and meaningful work the churches do through Church World Service. Funds are desperately needed for a hurting world. To date we have received $781.22 in our special offering for Week of Compassion. Use the special envelopes this Sunday to take us over $1,000. HUNGER HURTS . . . HELP HEAL.

PAINTERS

As of Monday morning, our Paint crews include the following: FOR THURSDAY:

Ennis Brown, Margaret Love, Bill Love, Karen Flickinger, Judy Church, Rolland Ripple, Vincent Wells.

FOR SATURDAY: Steve Harter, Russell Wortley, George Davis, Herb Banet, Max Finkhousen, Jaynie Jenkins, Steve Frappier, Ken Taylor, Dan Church, Cory Church, Robbie Pauley, Ben Taylor, Dean Widler, Bill Love, Carl and Beth Schwartz.

OTHER HELP IS DESIRED IF YOU CAN COME ON THIS THURSDAY OR SATURDAY!

MEMBER HAS ART ON EXHIBIT

Scott Keebortz has a picture on exhibit at Ayres. He received the "Gold Key" award for it in the Fort Wayne art exhibit and it is to be shown in the national art exhibit in New York City. Congratulations Scott!

CONGRATULATIONS. . .

To Gary and Sandy Becker at the birth of their son, Andrew Christopher, on Tuesday, February 17. The grandparents are Dean and Elsie Widler.

CHI RHO MEETING

The Chi Rho Fellowship will meet this Sunday evening at 5:00 P.M. We will meet at the church and go to Ingrid Von Buchler's for food and music! Steve Hall will be there with his guitar! We will return to the church by 6:45 P.M., our usual closing time.

MISTAKE BY STAFF: ON DMA

The February meeting of DMA failed to get on the calendar and planned in time. Therefore, a February meeting will be missed and the group will meet at 12:00 noon on Tuesday, March 23 at the church for a potluck and program.

LAY WITNESS MISSION TEAM

Ingrid Von Buchler, Scott Rayl, Carol and Chad Cline, Rocky, Lee, and Melanie Baugher are on a Lay Witness Mission team this weekend at the First Christian Church in Greenfield. Harry Dawson is coordinating this team. Pray for these and the church whose pastor is Paul Kitley.

IN APPRECIATION:

Dear Friends of First Christian,

We express our sincere appreciation to the First Christian membership for your expressions of concern for us during Hugh's illness.

Dr. Cline's and Mrs. Bixenman's visits were an inspiration. Visits, cards, prayers, calls, and other acts of Christian love have been so helpful.

May God Bless you all.

Hugh and Gwynth Rice

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CHURCH CALENDAR

SATURDAY, MARCH 6

6:30 P.M. College & Career & CYF meet for swim party

8:00 P.M. Faith at Work, Faith Baptist Church

SUNDAY, MARCH 7

8:15 A.M. Meditative Worship

9:30 A.M. Church School

10:45 A.M. Divine Worship

12:15 P.M. All-Church Dinner

5:15 P.M. Living the Adventure Edge of Adventure

5:30 P.M. Youth Groups

7:00 P.M. Celebration Worship

MONDAY, MARCH 8

1:00 P.M. Gamboe Group, Laura Marks, 4705 Lafayette Esp.

7:30 P.M. Evangelism Calling

7:30 P.M. Guild, Nancy Fay Woodhull, 2301 S. Fairfield #212

TUESDAY, MARCH 9

7:30 P.M. Worship & Pastoral Relations Committee

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 10

7:30 P.M. Nelson Group, Peg Buskirk, 4430 Wilmette

THURSDAY, MARCH 11

9:30 A.M. Edge of Adventure

9:30 A.M. Rivera Group

7:00 P.M. Understanding the N.T.

7:30 P.M. Chancel Choir

LENTEN SEASON OPENS

Yesterday was Ash Wednesday in the church calendar. This coming Sunday opens the season of Lent with an emphasis on the covenant based on God and his action. This is a season to concentrate on God so that we are pulled out of ourselves and filled with the desire to serve God who has faithfully kepts his covenant with us.

"Lent is properly observed not by intense self-examination but by lifting up our eyes to God...When our attention is turned to God's covenant we find that before we have repented or performed good deeds, God has forgiven us, loved us, and accepts us. As a result we do not repent and serve God in order to win his favors but rather to express our love and gratitude to God because we have already received his favors. Lent observed in the light of the message of the covenant, therefore, pulls us out of ourselves and directs our attention to God's acts and, through them, to our neighbors whom God also loves."

The Sunday sermon by Dr. Cline will be "A God Who Is For Us" based on Romans 8:31-38 with background texts Genesis 22:1-14 and Mark 1:12-15.

SERVING MARCH 7

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Robert Rayl and Charles Ludwig

10:45 A.M. Steve Harter and Dean Widler

DEACONS

8:15 A.M. M.L. Hartzler, D. Keebortz, B. Lehman, C. Cline

10:45 A.M. J. Taylor, R. Wortley, R. Baugher, S. Hayes, D. Short, K. Taylor, R. Johnson, T. Frappier

USHERS

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, D. Smith, B. Lehamn

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, R. Chevalier, H. Stevenson, S. Hayes

GREETERS

8:15 A.M. M.L. Hartzler, NW, D. Keebortz-SW

10:45 A.M. M. Lehman-SW, K. Banet-NW, E. Conrad-NE, K. Klepfer-SE

ACOLYTES

8:15 A.M. Tim Sauerwein

10:45 A.M. Nancy & Anne Frappier

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Peggy Buskirk and Eunice Conrad

HOMEBOUND COMMUNION

Ben Taylor - Bruce Lehman

Robert Rayl - Homer Stevenson

IN HOSPITALS

Lutheran: 694 Mr. James Goins

330 Mrs. Donna Johnson

M102 Mr. Virgil Montgomery

Parkview: 304 Mr. Troy Yeoman

444 Mrs. Maxine Day

VA Hosp. Indianapolis

8 East - Mr. Mel McNamee

BASIC PROGRAM SUPPORT

Income needed	$2,102.44
Giving 2/29	1,295.98
Income to date needed	73,585.96
Actual income to date	67,509.56
Accumulated shortage	6,076.40

THANKS FOR PAINTERS

Painters last week include the following for whom we are very grateful: Vincent Wells, Rolland Ripple, Margaret Love, Ed Allen, Sue, Debbie, & Doug Allen, Carl & Beth Schwartz, Dean Widler, Jim Stucky, Ben & Ken Taylor, Steve Harter, George Davis, Steve Frappier, Robbie Pauley, Diana & Russ Wortley, Bill Bridge, Jaynie Jenkins, Bill Love, and Mildred Hartman. Several of these and others are completing the painting of fellowship hall, stage and two rest rooms this week by Friday night.

PLAYERS FOR GOOD FRIDAY DRAMA

Auditions will be held at the First Presbyterian Church Theater on Sunday afternoon, March 7 at 2:00 P.M. and Wednesday evening, March 10 at 7:30 P.M. These auditions are for parts in the Good Friday drama to be presented in the afternoon downtown and the evening out south. "THE GARDEN PARTY" has been written by Bill Dixon of the staff of First Presbyterian and is being directed by John Tolley of the same church. Let's have several parts cast by our people!

APPRECIATION RECEIVED:

Dear Friends of First Christian Church:

My sincere thanks for your love, concern and especially your prayers during my recent illness. They have helped greatly in my recovery. The visits of Dr. Cline and Mrs. Bixenman were a joy and an inspiration. I hope to be with you in church soon.

In Christian love,

Mamie Caldwell

ALL CHURCH DINNER THIS SUNDAY . . . .

SING AND SEE WITH STEVE DOLES!

All are invited to join in a pot-luck meal at 12:15 P.M. this Sunday in Fellowship Hall. Drink and rolls will be furnished. Bring covered dishes appropriate for the family. There will be child care for crib and toddlers during the business and program which will follow the meal.

Steve Doles with his guitar will lead congregational singing. Jack Weicker will preside over several business items approved by the Board of Trustees but which need congregational action. Steve will then show slides from his trip to the Holy Land which he did by a bike tour with a class from Taylor over the Christmas holidays.

THE CONGREGATIONAL BUSINESS ITEMS INCLUDE:

1. APPROVAL OF OFFICE VACANCIES
   Joe Wiley - Deacon Representative to the Board of Trustees until June 30, 1977.
   Mel Busse - Congregational Representative to Board of Trustees until June 30, 1977.
   Cory Church - Deacon until June 30, 1979.
   Margaret Love - Elder until June 30, 1980.
2. CHANGE OF FINANCIAL YEAR
   The Board of Trustees recommends that the church budget be changed to a calendar year basis beginning January 1, 1977. This would clarify and simplify giving records, provide a better annual stewardship commitment period each November, provide easier informational basis, and committees will be in a better working basis on budgets. If approved, we would made adjustments for the final six months of 1976.
3. USE OF BUILDING AND EQUIPMENT FUND
   The Board of Trustees recommends that the Building and Equipment Fund of the Memorial and Special Gifts be made available to the present Building Fund Program. This would include all undesignated funds in the account plus all undesignated receipts through December, 1978 unless there would be individual gifts over $500. (Note: This would transfer about $6,400 now).
4. LOAN FOR BUILDING PROGRAM
   The Board of Trustees recommend:
   1) that interest expense be taken into account in determining the amounts available for capital improvements.
   2) that a slippage factor be taken into account in determining the amounts available for capital improvements.
   3) that the capital outreach receipts be used for church improvement and that the outreach portion be reimbursed with interest at 8% during

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ALL CHURCH (from page three)

4. That financing be obtained from the Trust Funds and that the Trust Funds be paid interest 8% during the times the funds are used. (Note: In essence, this means that we will negotiate a loan within our own financial structures for any borrowing rather than going a much more expensive route in outside loans. It will be a loan with interest to keep integrity with the permanent funds of the church.)

MOTHER-DAUGHTER BANQUET

It's time to get your tickets for the Mother-Daughter Banquet. Sponsored by CWF, the Banquet will be March 15, at 6:30 P.M. in Fellowship Hall. You do not have to be a mother or a daughter to come! Come alone, sit with a friend, adopt a mother or a daughter. Tickets are $2.25 for adults and $1.90 for children. Tickets are available from group leaders or in the church office. The program will feature our own Marilyn Byers.

CALL FOR RECIPES

The Brummel Group is collecting recipes for a church cookbook. We are asking for recipes from as many as possible. Give to one of the Brummel Group or leave at the church office. Be sure to mark your name with your recipe.

THANKS TO SCOUT TROOP

Our Boy Scout Troop which meets every Monday evening with Doug Rogers as Scoutmaster spent three hours last Saturday working on cleaning our parking lot, lawn and around bushes. Thanks!

FEBRUARY AVERAGES:

Worship	369
Church School	131
Budget Giving	$1620.42
Building Fund	340.76

NEW MEMBERS DURING FEBRUARY

Mrs. Dorothy Schmidt
Mr. & Mrs. Larry Busse

COLLEGE AND CAREER GROUP

The College and Career Group is inviting the CYF to join them for a Swim Party at the SE YMCA. Meet at the church at 6:30 P.M. We will swim until 8:00 and meet for fellowship afterward with Steve Doles Cost-$1.00 per person.

WEEK OF COMPASSION

We will leave open the special over-and-above giving for Week of Compassion this coming Sunday. We have received $898.91. May we use special envelopes with some generous gifts to put us over $1,000.

MUSICAL EXTRAVAGANZA HELPS HUNGER

PITCH (People Involved to Combat Hunger) is sponsoring a musical extravaganza on March 14 at 2:00 P.M. at the Embassy Theater. Top high school and college talent will feature all kinds of music. All talent is donated. The purpose is to raise money to alievaite world hunger. Donation is $4.00 for adults and $2.00 for children under 12, students and senior citizens. You may specify your donation for Church World Service. For tickets, see Miriam Bixenman before March 10.

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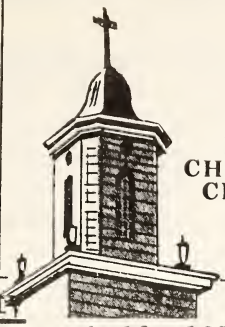

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CHURCH CALENDAR

SATURDAY, MARCH 13
7:30 P.M. College & Career at the church

SUNDAY, MARCH 14
8:15 A.M. Meditative Worship
9:30 A.M. Church School
10:45 A.M. Divine Worship
5:15 P.M. Living the Adventure
Edge of Adventure
5:30 P.M. Youth Groups
7:00 P.M. Celebration Worship

MONDAY, MARCH 15
10:00 A.M. Study Group
6:30 P.M. Mother-Daughter Banquet

TUESDAY, MARCH 16
7:30 P.M. Evangelism Committee

THURSDAY, MARCH 18
9:30 A.M. Edge of Adventure
7:00 P.M. Understanding the New Testament
7:30 P.M. Chancel Choir

PANTRY NEEDS:
CEREAL
PEANUT BUTTER
SOUPS

MOTHER - DAUGHTER BANQUET

"A Pattern For Loving" is the ther for this year's Mother-Daughter Banquet sponsored by the CWF. The Banquet scheduled for March 15 will begin at 6:30 P.M. in Fellowship Hall. Tickets may still be purchased today (March 11) by calling the church office - cost: $2.25 for adults, $1.9 for children.

The program will feature children' entertainment by Marilyn Byers. We know everyone will be entertaine As we have said before this banquet not only honors mothers and daughter but all women. It still is not to late to join in the fellowship of th evening with a friend.

RESPONDING TO GOD'S GRACIOUS LOVE

Join in our Lenton worship experiences each Sunday. Prepare for this sermon by reading and pondering Genesis 28:10-17; Romans 5:1-11; and Mark 8:31-38. Join in singing our hymn of the month - "GOD IS! REJOICE!" Let all the people sing together in one voice: "God is! Rejoice! Again, I say, rejoice!"

WORSHIP GOD THIS SUNDAY!

SERVING MARCH 14

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Cecil Rice and Mark Snyder

10:45 A.M. Jack Weicker and Bill Franklin

DEACONS

8:15 A.M. M. Lehman, B. Lehman, R. Baugher, D. Keebortz

10:45 A.M. M. Crouse, M. Finkhousen, W. Bowen, J. Wiley, R. Krull, S. Knuckles, E. Conrad, S. Schell

USHERS

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, D. Smith, J. Stucky

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, R. Chevalier, H. Stevenson, T. Frappier

GREETERS

8:15 A.M. C. Lee-NW, E. Place-SW

10:45 A.M. G. Moore-SW, S. Schell-NW, S. Thompson-NE, P. Buskirk-SE

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Peggy Buskirk and Eunice Conrad

ACOLYTES

8:15 A.M. Bruce Grimm

10:45 A.M. John Morris and Eric Jenkins

NURSERY WORKERS

8:15 A.M. Beth Schilling

10:45 A.M. Andy Benny, Carol Cline, Kim Johnson

IN HOSPITALS

LUTHERAN: 400 Mrs. Mildred Walsh

ST. JOSEPH: 723 Mrs. Carrie Smelzer

PARKVIEW: 202 Mrs. Eva Guy

546 Mrs. Freda Flaugh

750 Mr. John Caron

VETERANS HOSPITAL - INDIANAPOLIS

8 East - Mr. Mel McNamee

BIRTH

To Mr. and Mrs. Steven Roy Guy a son, Steven Roy, on March 6.

FRIENDS AND MEMBERS OF FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Debra Sue Allen and Ronald Scott Connerly together with their parents Mr. and Mrs. Edwin R. Allen and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Connerly invite you to share in the joy of the beginning of their new life together when they exchange marriage vows on Saturday, the 20th of March, 1976 at 2:30 P.M. in First Christian Church. A reception immediately follows in the Fellowship Hall.

BASIC PROGRAM SUPPORT	
Income needed	$2,102.44
Giving for 3/7	2,231.50
Income to date needed	$75,688.40
Actual income to date	69,741.06
Accumulated shortage	5,947.34

Dear Friends of First Christian:

I just want everyone to know I brought Daryl home on Saturday the 28th. He is doing real well. Also I want to thank everyone for the many prayers, cards, food, and all the help we received while he was in the hospital. I hope you all continue to pray for him. God bless all of you and again many, many, thanks. You are all welcome to come and see him at home too.

Love in Christ,
The Markley Family

THANKS FOR LENTEN BANNER

We owe a great big thank you to Diana Wortley for making the banner hanging at the front of the Nave with Jesus and the words, "Father Forgive." It was hung by Nancy Wortley and Margaret Love.

CONGREGATIONAL BUSINESS OF BOARD (3/2) AND CONGREGATION (3/7)

At the special congregational meeting this past Sunday afternoon preside over by Jack Weicker, affirmative action was taken on all four recommendations coming from prior actions of the Board of Trustees, namely, Approval of office replacements; Change of financial year; use of Building & Equipment Fund for current Building Program; and Approval to negotiate an "in-church" loan from permanent funds for the Building Program.

The Board approved a recommendation to allow $250 for materials to make room 130 into our church library. This cost is for paneling 32" high on walls, 120 feet of shelving; cork board application to closet doors, and paint for the room.

Some mini-bus information was given, but more thorough study was requested for a later report.

Resignations were received with regret from Dwain Graham from the Board because of his move to Winchester and from Andrew Crowe as an Elder because of travel time away in his work.

The Board accepted the nominee slate from the Lay Personnel Committee for voting later this spring by the congregation.

The Board authorized the sale of 25 shares of Midwestern United Life Insurance Company stock per the offer of a firm from the Netherlands. This was received in memory of Al Egly and permission will be sought from Richard Egly for this action.

Combined with the low program support giving during February, the withholding of $1,750 in outreach checks allowed the church to almost move out of the red in its operating account. The dire need for regular giving was underscored by the two bills presented at the meeting, namely, $1,278.16 to Power Plant Services for boiler and radiator work and $935.45 for our monthly gas bill.

AGAPE PLAYERS CONCERT

The Agape Players of Casselberry, Florida, will present a concert on Saturday night, April 3, in our Worship Nave. This traveling group of 21 includes a niece of Ross Harter and cousin of Steve.

Mark calendars NOW - 7:30 P.M. Saturday, April 3, 1976.

THANKS FOR COMPLETION OF PAINTING

We thank Vincent Wells, Harold Crider, Earl Plummer, Myron & Candance Cole, Bob & Marilyn Rayl, Herb Bane, Jim & Deanna Ruble, Bruce Lehman, Steve Hall, Steve Harter, Debbie Norblom, Delores Keebortz for finishing the Fellowship Hall painting job!

"CALL TO A NEW LIFE ENABLEMENT"

Registration of names and $5 ($7 for a couple) are now being received for our "TO FIND NEW LIFE" Retreat on Friday night and Saturday, April 9 & 10. We need registrations now so that all may receive the 75 page booklet, "TO FIND NEW LIFE" by Frank C. Mabee. This needs to be read and digested prior to the weekend.

FIRDAY, APRIL 9

7:00 Opening Gathering & Introduction
7:15 "Acceptance & Forgiveness"
8:30 Fellowship Break
8:45 "Authenic Life Experienced"

SATURDAY, APRIL 10

9:00 "Creative Freedom and Involvement in Life
10:20 Refreshment Break
10:40 Man for Others
12:00 Catered Luncheon
1:00 "Responsible Hope"
2:20 Refreshment Break
2:40 "Resurrection, Celebration and Fulfillment

This will be held in the church parlor and we expect to have 20 to 30 participants for this special Lenten experience of growth. Any persons pondering a basic decision for Christ or the church might find this experience very beneficial! Anyone desiring to find a new Easter experience that "Every Morning Is Easter Morning" should come!

SESSIONS '76

We registered this week Harold Cline, Vincent Wells, and Joe Wiley for this gathering of 3,000 men at Purdue on June 18-22. We desire to have 9 to 12 men going. Contact Dr. Cline about registrations - the May deadline will come in a hurry

SERENDIPITY WORKSHOP

Our church is sending 14 and processed fourteen other registrations for the Serendipity Workshop this Saturday in Indianapolis. Our people include: Miriam Bixenman, Peg Buskirk, Andrea Benny, Harold & Ruby Cline, Marlene Crouse, Susan Jones, Bobbi, Sharon, & Robbi Pauley, Scott Rayl, Ingrid von Buchler, Nancy Wortley and Susan Watson.

A LETTER FROM THE FLINN HOME:

Dear Friends of First Christian:

Recently we received your gift of bed pads at the Emily E. Flinn Home.

We appreciate your helping us meet some of the needs here and bringing an extra ray of sunshine into the lives of this "Your Other Family."

May the Lord continue to bless you in the work of the Church.

Sincerely,
George L. Florence,
Administrator

THANKS TO CHI RHO FELLOWSHIP

Our Chi Rho Youth gave $50 of their last paper drive as a special gift to the Building Fund.

CYF WORSHIP LEADERS

Our CYF youth share responsibility for worship each Sunday evening. Coming persons include: 3/14 - Carol Cline; 3/21 - Necia Strucker; 3/28 - Jaynie Jenkins; 4/4 - Ken Taylor; 4/11 - Chad Cline; 4/18 - Robbie Pauley; 4/25 - Melanie Baugher. The Taylor Univ. Youth Weekend, March 19-21 will include Melanie Baugher, Jaynie Jenkins, Ken Taylor, Diana & Nancy Wortley.

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CHURCH CALENDAR

SATURDAY, MARCH 20

2:30 P.M. Allen-Connerly Wedding and Reception

7:30 P.M. College & Career at the church - bring "Taste of New Wine"

SUNDAY, MARCH 21

8:15 A.M. Meditative Worship

9:30 A.M. Church School

10:45 A.M. Divine Worship

5:15 P.M. Living the Adventure Edge of Adventure

5:30 P.M. Youth Groups

7:00 P.M. Celebration Worship

MONDAY, MARCH 22

7:30 P.M. Evangelism Calling

TUESDAY, MARCH 23

12:00 Noon D.M.A. Potluck

7:30 P.M. Meeting of Pantry Workers, Welfare Department, Outreach & Service Committee

THURSDAY, MARCH 25

9:30 A.M. Edge of Adventure

7:00 P.M. Understanding the New Testament

7:30 P.M. Chancel Choir

PANTRY NEEDS: DIAPERS, BABY FOOD & CEREAL, CANNED FRUIT

GREETINGS IN OUR LORD JESUS

This Sunday marks the third Sunday of Lent and Easter is just a month away. Time flies so rapidly. Let me share some concerns for prayer and attention on the part of all of us.

WORSHIP - Our worship is the central community experience each week. We invite all to make this the beginning point of each week. Study Exodus 20:1-17; Romans 10:5-13; and John 2: 13-22 in preparation for the sermon of next Sunday. As our beautiful choir anthem put it Sunday, "Praise and glorify, laud and magnify His name, His Holy name for ever!"

DECISIONS - Persons need to express personal decisions for Christ and the church publicly. We are a covenant community and we invite persons to be a part of this fellowship by personal choice.

Likewise, many of us need to reflect and reconsider giving decisions in light of the discussion on Page 3 of this TIDINGS.

ENCOURAGEMENT - Persons are about us whom we can give that encouragement and lift. Let's be sensitive and caring people reaching out in the name of Jesus. SEE YOU SUNDAY!

Harold E. Cline

SERVING MARCH 21

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Ben Taylor and Mark Snyder

10:45 A.M. Robert Hendricks and Harold Crowder

DEACONS

8:15 A.M. C. Cline, C. Church, M.L. Hartzler, J. Taylor

10:45 A.M. M. Finkhousen, R. Wortley, R. Baugher, R. Johnson, K. Taylor, D. Young, H. Stevenson, S. Hayes

USHERS

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, D. Smith, J. Stucky

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, R. Chevlaier, H. Stevenson, M. Byers

GREETERS

8:15 A.M. R. Yentes-SW, D. Keebortz-NW

10:45 A.M. A. Dare-SW, R. Krull-NW, S. Schell-NE, S. Knuckles-SE

ACOLYTES

8:15 A.M. Ric Baugher

10:45 A.M. M. Pauley & M. Reeves

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NURSERY WORKERS

8:15 A.M. M. Arruza 10:45 A.M. B. Hayes, J. Markley, N. Hendricks

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

Jack and Pam Bickel

IN HOSPITALS

Lutheran: CCU Mr. Daryl Markley

St. Joseph: 606 Mrs. Winnie Ferguson

Parkview: 750 Mr. John Caron

Veterans, Indianapolis 8 East - Mr. Mel McNamee

BASIC PROGRAM SUPPORT	
Income needed	$2,102.44
Giving for 3/14	1,225.55
Income to date needed	77,790.84
Actual income to date	70,966.61
Accumulated shortage	6,824.23

RESPONSE TO INVITATION

MRS. MICHAEL (SUSAN JANE WATSON, 3933 Robinwood Dr. 06, 745-9032, identified with our congregation in a transfer of membership last Sunday. She comes from The Emmanuael Lutheran Church of the city. Susan has become active in an Edge of Adventure Group, Celebration Worship, and the Serendipity Workshop on Saturday. She is a secretary at Industrial Truck Parts. Her husband, Mike, drives fro Hoosier Solvent. She has three children in the home, Pat, Michael, and Kimberly Campbell, who are 10th, 9th, and 7th graders respectively at South Side and Geyer. We rejoice in the new life which Susie has found among us!

We feel that we have many persons and couples among us who need to be making a similar identification with us. We encourage decisions each Sunday. If there are questions, call Dr. Cline.

OPEN CHURCH WEDDING & RECEPTION

As announced last week, the weeding of Debra Allen and Ronald Connerly is open for all church members and friends. The wedding is at 2:30 P.M. this Saturday with the reception following in Fellowship Hall.

DEAR FRIENDS:

Sincere thanks to Dr. Cline and Miriam Bixenman for their visits and love during the illness and passing of my mother. Thank you all for the cards and prayers. May God continue to touch you with his love. In Christ,

Don Passwater & Family

CALL TO RESPONSIBLE GIVING

Recently a study was made of all recorded giving within our congregation for the calendar year of 1975. Below you will see an abbreviated record of the study. Full information is available at the church office.

The study underscores two basic items in giving to the church: 1) The basic response of church giving is on the basis of commitment. Giving reflects priorities and a determination to support the work of Christ through the church. A good rule of thumb for all can be gained from the following suggestion:

BEGINNING COMMITMENT - $1 per week of giving per $1,000 of annual income.

TITHE COMMITMENT - $2 per week of giving per $1,000 of annual income.

SACRIFICIAL COMMITMENT - $3 or more per week per $1,000 of annual income. 2) We admit that giving is also based on income level. We have a large number of retired couples and widows and widowers who are on fixed income. We recognize that giving cannot be increased unless income is changed or there is a desire and capability of giving a greater percentage. Some need to make provision for adequate financing in later years, and thus, giving of residue estate such as in the recent will of Edna Saxon is a means of responsible giving.

We have the potentiality of much better giving. If the 115 member families in active earning years would tithe on the average household income of our city, we would exceed our annual giving by these 115 units alone.

AVERAGE WEEKLY GIVING	Member Couples or Families					Singles			Non-Members		
	18-35	36-45	46-55	56-65	65+	Wid.	Sing/Div	-18	Cou.	Wid.	Sin.
Over $50	1	1							1		
$40-$50		1	2								
$30-$40			3								
$20-$30	1	1	1	3	6	4	1				
$10-$20	4	5	9	6	13	8					
$5 -$10	6	4	8	9	16	10	4		1		
$2 -$5	4	1	8	10	10	24	14	1		2	1
$0 -$2	12	3	7	5	6	34	28	38	9	4	16

HELP HOST AGAPE PLAYERS

We are hosting a sacred concert by the Agape Players at 7:30 P.M., Saturday, April 3.

We are asking the College and Career youth to host at the dinner hour but are requesting volunteers to prepare a meat dish, a casserole, a vegetable dish, a salad, or a dessert. Call the church office or sign up this Sunday for food help for Agape Players.

We will need homes for the Agape Players to stay over Saturday night. We need homes to house 9 girls and 12 guys. Call the church office to volunteer or sign up this Sunday. Housing includes a Sunday breakfast and getting them back here in time to sing at another church on Sunday morning.

BUILDING FUND TO DATE. . .
$23,077.95

Have you noticed that our new folding doors have been installed? Our Conference Room is moving rapidly along! Thanks to Jim Taylor and Chad Cline for the stripping and waxing of Fellowship Hall on the last two Saturdays. Thanks to the Ralph Church family for painting and also Bill Schilling--sorry we missed you last week!

This is a good time for Building Fund Gifts since major bills will be coming due shortly!

D.M.A.

The D.M.A. will have a regular meeting at 12:00 noon on Tuesday, March 23. Hosting: Irene Cline, Eva Crowell, Mary Cook. Bring a covered dish, table service and enjoy the fellowship!

UNSUNG WORKERS

Did you know that Karen Zimmerman and Lois Finkhousen work in our two and three year old nursery each Sunday giving real continuity to the program there. Small children always find greater security when they see a familiar face. In addition to this Church School service, frequently Lois or Karen stay on thru the second worship service when there are too many children for one person. Two persons are always needed for safety with preschool children, and an average of at least one person for each 5-6 children. We deeply appreciate both of these ladies.

YOUTH DISCIPLESHIP LOCK IN

We are encouraging youth of grades 6, 7 & 8 for a special growth study during Spring vacation from school. Call the church office if there are questions. Return the post card or call the church office to sign up NOW!

"TO FIND NEW LIFE"

Use the slip below along with $5 per person or $7 per couple to participate in this Friday night and Saturday experience on April 9 & 10. The study booklets of 75 pages are now on hand in the office for all registrants to read in preparation for this period of study and growth.

This is a major opportunity for relationship and growth in a concentrated block of time. Saturday lunch will be catered.

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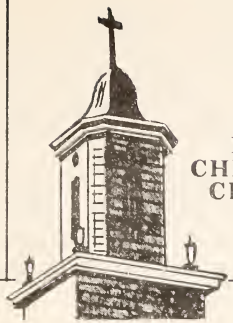

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CHURCH CALENDAR

RIDAY, MARCH 26
:00 P.M. Family Fun Forum

ATURDAY, MARCH 27
:30 P.M. College & Career at the church

UNDAY, MARCH 28
:15 A.M. Meditative Worship
:30 A.M. Church School
0:45 A.M. Divine Worship
:30 P.M. Chi Rho Bowling Party
:15 P.M. Living the Adventure Edge of Adventure
:30 P.M. Youth Groups
:00 P.M. Celebration Worship

ONDAY, MARCH 29
:30 P.M. Evangelism Calling

UESDAY, MARCH 30
:00 P.M. SSSS of '76 rehersal
:30 P.M. Evangelism Committee

HURSDAY, APRIL 1
:30 A.M. Edge of Adventure
:00 P.M. Youth Discipleship Lock In Begins
:00 P.M. Understanding the N.T.
:30 P.M. Chancel Choir

ANTRY NEEDS
MACARONI AND CHEESE
CANNED VEGETABLES
CRACKERS

GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life." This basic Biblical text stands in the center of our Scriptures for worship on this Sunday morning. They include Numbers 21:4-9; Ephesians 2:4-10; and John 3:14-21.

May we let this "golden text" of the Bible sink deep within our minds and hearts and be the motivation of our worship on Sunday.

The world is the aim of God's love-what is the goal of my love?

God so loved that he gave a Son in the death as a common criminal--what is the price of our love?

God is concerned to love and heal and lift life--Do we see God as interested primarily in judgement or in giving life?

What do we mean by eternal life--is it only life after death or is it a quality of life which we begin now reflecting the nature of God in relation with Him?

"GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD" that he loves you and me!

SERVING MARCH 28

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Merle Grimm and William Love

10:45 A.M. Margaret Love and James Ruble

DEACONS

8:15 A.M. R. Baugher, D. Keebortz, E. Place, K. Place

10:45 A.M. D. Short, M. Finkhousen, M. Crouse, W. Bowen, K. Taylor J. Taylor, T. Frappier, S. Rayl

USHERS

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, D. Smith, R. Baugher

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, R. Chevalier, H. Stevenson, M. Finkhousen

GREETERS

8:15 A.M. C. Lee-SW, M.L. Hartzler-NW

10:45 A.M. M. Lehman-SW, K. Banet-NW, E. Conrad-NE, E. Klepfer-SE

ACOLYTES

8:15 A.M. S. Keebortz

10:45 A.M. L. Sauerwein & S. Melchi

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Dorothy Merriman & Amelia Dare

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

Edna & Harold Nordblom

NURSERY WORKERS

8:15 A.M. S. Cotton; 10:45 A.M. S. Fleck, M. Byers, M. Baugher

IN HOSPITALS

ST. JOSEPH: 606 Mrs. Winnie Ferguson

LUTHERAN: 402 Mrs. Mildred Walsh (expects to be released 3/23)

VETERANS-Indianapolis 8 East Mr. Mel McNamee

BASIC PROGRAM SUPPORT	
Income needed	$2,102.44
Giving for 3/21	2,349.81
Income to date needed	$79,893.28
Actual income to date	73,316.42
Accumulated shortage	7,576.86

Building Fund: $23,554.45

WEDDING AT CHURCH:

Ronald Scott Connerly and Debra Sue Allen were joined in a worship service uniting them in marriage on 3/20/76 by Ed Allen, Jr. and Dr. Cline. They are residing temporarily in Brookville, Indiana, where he is preaching in the Christian Church and in September will move to Princeton Theological Seminary in New Jersey.

DEATH OF MEMBER

Daryle L. Markley on 3/20/76. The pastor conducted the funeral on 3/24. Daryle had been serving as a deacon. Sympanty is extended to his wife Judy, and the children, Barbara, Rickey, Randy, and Lorrie.

SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED:

To Lee Baugher and family in the death of her father, Sam Cole, on the 14th in Sebree, Kentucky.

To Henry Flowers and family in the death of his sister, Mildred Flowers, last week.

CONGRATULATIONS ON BIRTH

To Larry and Cheryl Busse, a son, Brian Kenneth, on 3/18/76.

THANK YOU NOTES:

Dear Family of God:

Thank you so very much for your concern, calls, cards, and prayers during our losses of the last two months. Love to you all

The Baughers.

Dear Friends:

We wish to express our great appreciation to friends in First Christian for their visits, cards, calls during the loss of our sister, Mildred Flowers.

Henry and Ethel Flowers

HELP US KEEP UP WITH PEOPLE!

The following members of our congregation have become lost to us for ıiling contact. Will you help the church by furnishing any mailing ldresses as soon as possible? This list is also a reminder for any ımber to make a change of address regularly with the church office ıenever there is a move. Help us be in contact with all whom we have .sted as members of our congregation--help us with addresses for the ›llowing:

;t. James Baker
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ırcia Baugher
.chard & Doris Bireley
's. Ruth Bolton
.lliam Bolton
bert G. Cale
thy Caldwell
ldred Cobbs
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Robert & Mabel Truelove
Armand & Frances Van Gordo
Wm. & Erma Vunora
Dorotha Williams
Wilma Wetzel
Irene Wolf
Mrs. Karl Young

MES NEEDED FOR AGAPE PLAYERS

We thank those who signed up r housing and food for the ape Players on the night of ril 3. We need more homes to ovide overnight lodging and a nday morning breakfast. Call e church now if you can house e or more overnight. We have l the food donations needed for full mean--thanks! We will st housing and food next week THE TIDINGS.

CALL FOR MEN SINGERS

Mel Busse, Director of the Super Sacred Sound Society of '76 has announced the following rehersal and singing schedule: Rehersals: 3/25 -6:30 P.M.; 3/30-7:00 P.M.; 4/6-7:00 P.M.; 4/8-6:30 P.M.; 4/15-6:30 P.M. Singing: 4:00 P.M. on 4/11 at the Beech Grove Christian Church; 8:15 and 10:45 A.M. on 4/18 at First Christian.

Other men are invited to join the group. Call Mel for information.

SACRED CONCERT APRIL 3

The Agape Players will present a Sacred Concert at 7:30 P.M., Saturday, April 3 in our Worship Nave. There will be a love offering towards the expenses of this touring group of college age youth.

This is a ministry of love and witness for these 21 who come to share Christian faith and life through song. It is the kind of program to which we should be bringing and inviting guests, friends, and neighbors.

The program is under the direction of Rocky and Alice Adkins of Orlando, Florida, who founded the group in 1969. These young people are sincere, real, exciting, and personable. Come share in their ministry and let them be a blessing to you. This is a week from Saturday--7:30 P.M. on April 3rd!

"TO FIND NEW LIFE"

Currently 10 have registered for this concentrated growth experience on Friday evening and Saturday, April 9 & 10. Join them by turning in your name with $5 per person or $7 per couple. Present registrants include: Miriam Bixenman, Judy Church, Nancy Wortley, Mike & Susan Watson, Sharon Pauley, Connie Wells, Dean & Elsie Widler. Harold Cline will be leading the experience utilizing the Retreat circulum written by Frank Mabee. The Saturday lunch will be served and is included in the cost. Join us!

COLLEGE AND CAREER GROUP

This group did some scheduling and accepting of responsibilities for coming weeks when it met last Saturday night.

7:30 P.M., Saturday, March 27, at the church - Schellie Schell, leader of evening. Study will be Chapter 2 of THE TASTE OF NEW WINE.

4:00 P.M., Saturday, April 3 at the church to host the dinner and the Agape Players. Steve Doles is coordinator for the evening.

April 9 or 10 and April 23 or 24 Ingrid von Buchler will be in charge of a Friday night program at 7:00 at Lutheran Home on an acceptable night with the home. On the alternate Saturday night, Scott Rayl will be the group leader at 7:30 P.M.

7:30 P.M. Saturday, April 17 at the home of Val Williams, 6710 Calhoun. Val will be leader on Easter eve.

7:30 P.M. on Saturday, May 1 - Steve Doles will be leader

8:00 P.M. Saturday, May 8 - Interested ones of the group may attend the May Faith at Work Fellowship

May 15 - All Day on Saturday Participate in Work Day at Barbee Camp.

May 22 - Beginning of Steve Dole's summer leadership with the College and Career Group.

CHI RHO BOWLING PARTY

Chi Rho Youth will meet at the church parking lot at 1:30 P.M. this Sunday the 28th. Bring $1.50 per person. It will end at 4:00 P.M.

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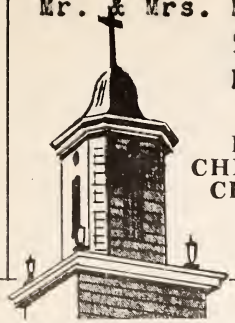

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CHURCH CALENDAR

DAY, APRIL 2
00 P.M. Family Fun Forum
URDAY, APRIL 3
30 P.M. Stewardship and
operty Committee Meeting
45 P.M. Area I Youth Meet
West Creighton Church
30 P.M. Agape Players Sacred
ncert in Worship Nave
00 P.M. FAW in Parlor
DAY, APRIL 4
15 A.M. Meditative Worship
30 A.M. Church School
45 A.M. Divine Worship
15 P.M. Living the Adventure
ge of Adventure
00 P.M. Celebration Worship
DAY, APRIL 5
15 P.M. Education Committee
30 P.M. Evangelism Calling
30 P.M. Brummel Group, Barbara
ort, 3714 Monroe St.
SDAY, APRIL 6
00 A.M. Kepple Group, Martha
le, 7430 U.S. 24 West.
00 P.M. SSSS of '76
30 P.M. Board of Trustees
NESDAY, APRIL 7
00 A.M. Spice Group, Audrey
muth, 1232 Fairfield Street.
45 P.M. Higdon Group, Alyce
hshuber at Irene Cline's Home,
E. Lexington.

HOST SACRED CONCERT SATURDAY NIGHT

The Agape Players will sing in our Worship Nave at 7:30 P.M. this Saturday evening. These college-age young adults travel the country to further the ministry of Jesus Christ through musical drama and sacred-song concerts.

Sherry Harter, a niece of Ross Harter of our congregation is a member of this touring group. She was a 1968 graduate of North Side where she was a varsity cheerleader, class officer, and member of acappella choir. She graduated from Ball State in 1972.

This is a night to come and bring guests and visitors. There will be a free will offering toward the expenses of this touring group. The Area I youth are to come over from West Creighton to join in the concert. The Fort Wayne Fellowship of Faith at Work is joining us also and will meet immediately following the concert in the Parlor for their meeting.

COME AND SHARE THE INSPIRATION OF

THE GOSPEL IN SONG!

SERVING APRIL 4

Elders

8:15 A.M. George Bruckman
Charles Ludwig

10:45 A.M. Steve Harter
Bill Franklin

Deacons

8:15 A.M. M. Lehman, B.Lehman, M. L. Hartzler, C. Cline

10:45 A.M. M. Crouse, M.Finkhousen W. Bowen, S. Knuckles. E. Conrad, S. Schell, T. Frappier, S. Thompson

Ushers

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, D. Smith, J. Stucky

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, R. Chevalier, M. Byers, H. Stevenson

Greeters

8:15 A.M. C. Lee-SW
D. Keebortz-NW

10:45 A.M. S. Thompson-NE, E. Conrad-SE, S.Knuckles-NW, E. Nordblom-SW.

Acolytes

8:15 A.M. Tim Sauerwein

10:45 A.M. J. Morris, E. Jenkins

Communion Preparation

Amelia Dare and Dorothy Merriman

Coffee Hour Hosts

Bill and Jo Franklin

Nursery Workers

8:15 A.M. Carole Lee

10:45 A.M. Rosemary Krull, Nena Lucas, Diana Wortley

Homebound Communion

Robert Hendricks & Russell Wortley
James Ruble and Chad Cline

IN HOSPITALS

ST. JOSEPH: 615-Mrs. Winnie Mae Ferguson

VETERANS-Indianapolis
8 East Mr. Mel McNamee

PANTRY NEEDS: Cloth Diapers
Soap Products, Cereal.

RESPONSE TO INVITATION

Donald Johnson, R. R. # 1, Bruceville, Indiana, made confession of his faith and was baptized on March 26. He is the father of Robert Johnson, one of our deacons. We rejoice in this decision for Christ and the joining of the family in special service of confession, baptism, and communion.

Jan Loveless, 3317 McKinnie 06, 447-6879, identified with us in a transfer of membership from Chapel Hill Christian Church of Indianapolis on Sunday. Jan has been a soloist for us as well as active choir singer. She is employed at the South Town Branch of Indiana Bank. Her daughter, Lisa, is a second grader in the home.

PRAY FOR THOSE GOING TO SHARE

Rocky, Lee, Melanie, and Ric Baugher and Sharon Pauley are serving on a Lay Witness Mission team at First Church of God, Vancouver, Washington, this weekend. Harry Dawson is coordinator. Merle & Bea Rice are serving on a Mission team at First Christian Church in Marion on this same weekend.

MARCH ADDITIONS

Transfers: Susan Watson
Jan Loveless

Confession and Baptism
Donald Johnson

FUNERAL BY PASTOR

Dr. Cline assisted in the funeral of Anna Mae Lindley in the Liberty Chapel Baptist Church on 3/20/76.

"TO FIND NEW LIFE"

Tuesday, the 6th, is the final deadline for signing up for this 10 hour experience for relationship and growth on Friday night and Saturday, April 9 & 10. Cost is $5 per person or $7 per couple for the study book and the Saturday catered luncheon. It opens at 7:00 P.M. on Friday night and ends at 4:00 on Saturday afternoon. This is a good opportunity for some who find weekly church school study impossible. It is a good opportunity for leaders to find their own growth.

Dr. Cline is leading the experience using the retreat materials prepared by Frank MaBee of Midway Christian Church of Dallas. Participants now include: Miriam Bixenman, Sharon Pauley, Mike & Susie Watson, Connie Wells, Dean & Elsie Widler, Russell & Nancy Wortley.

CHALLENGE TO GIVING

Last July and August as we began our church year, we were reaching our weekly needs for program and outreach support. We opened the church year in spite of it being summer, meeting our projected needs of $2,102.44 weekly. We slipped in the fall months and then almost caught up at the end of December. January through March have been very low months in this giving. We need to make a serious effort to give in proportion to our resources. We need some special and some sacrificial gifts right now. We need giving from every member and friend of the church.

(continued next column)

CHALLENGE TO GIVING (continued)

Some of our large Building Fund bills will be due next week--folding doors, & office equipment especially. Any possible Building Fund giving this Sunday will put at a minimum any borrowing of funds. Let's give for what we see is emerging in building improvements!

BASIC PROGRAM SUPPORT	
Income Needed	$2,102.44
Giving for 3/28	1,463.19
Income to date needed	81,995.72
Actual income to date	74,779.61
Accumulated shortage	7,216.11
Building Fund to date	23,658.95

MARCH AVERAGES	
Worship	297
Church School	126
Budget Giving	1,817.51
Building Fund	319.04

CALENDAR CONTINUED

Thursday, April 8

9:30 A.M. Edge of Adventure
6:30 P.M. SSSS of '76
7:00 P.M. Understanding the N.T.
7:30 P.M. Chancel Choir
7:30 P.M. Widow's Group

Friday, April 9

7:00 P.M. To Find New Life Retreat

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SUNDAY MORNING SERMON

"We Would See Jesus" - Study Jeremiah 31:31-34; Hebrews 5:7-9; and John 12:20-33.

SEE YOU SUNDAY IN WORSHIP!

CALLING HIGH SCHOOLERS

Area I meeting this week. Meet at the parking lot at 3:45 P.M. to go to West Creighton. There will be nominations for Regional officers, other business, a volley ball game, a supper at low cost, (or actual amount) and then the group will return to our building for the Sacred Concert at 7:30 P.M. Call the church as soon as possible if you can attend. Confirmed to date are Jaynie Jenkins, Diana Wortley, Chad & Carol Cline, Russ & Nancy Wortley.

- 1976 REGIONAL C.Y.F. EVENT - April 23, 24 in Bloomington. Inspiration, worship, enlightenment, and THE COVENANT PLAYERS. New Regional officers will be elected. Registrations must be mailed by our church by April 15. $2.50 must be turned in with your name NOW! The church pays a similar amount. Registration covers Friday night snack, and Saturday breakfast and lunch. No late registrations will be accepted.

HOSTING THE AGAPE PLAYERS

Providing overnight lodging and breakfast for the touring group are 1 girl - Ingrid Von Buchler, Jim & Becky Stucky; 2 girls each - Irene Cline, Miriam Bixenman, Kenneth & Elinor Place; 2 boys each - Steve & Tana Harter, Eugene & Eileen Klepfer, Mark & Pauline Snyder, Harold and Ruby Cline; 4 boys - Ross and Betty Harter.

Our College and Career Group will meet at four to prepare to serve the singers at 5:00 P.M. Those preparing food to serve eight for the evening which is to be brought to the church by 5:00 P.M. are: Meat dishes - Tana Harter, Judy Church, Vivian Atwood, Eileen Klepfer, Irene Current; Casseroles- Reba Fusselman, Bev Johnson, Miriam Bixenman, Edna Nordblom, Marge Lehman; Vegetable dishes - Gwynth Rice, Mildred Linn, Nancy Wortley, Ruby Brouer; Salads - Nena Lucas, Ruby Mowery, Margaret Bauman, Elsie Widler; Desserts - LaVerne Hunt, Ruth Yentes, Almeda Rice, Inez Petty, Metta Stucky.

We thank all of these in advance for their help in hosting!

CHURCH BOARD MEETING

The regular April meeting is at 7:30 P.M. next Tuesday. There are important items relating to our Summer Intern Program, fire regulations on our building, and a new evangelism proposal. Regular reports need to be considered and concerns raised.

WIDOW'S GROUP TO FORM

A group of women within our church has talked for some time about a felt need for a caring group for widows. This group will meet for the first time on April 8, at 7:30 P.M. at the home of Miriam Bixenman, 4430 Wilmette. The only qualification is that one be a widow. This can either be one who is still hurting, either because of the need to adjust to a new life style due to the loss of a husband, or who still hurts because of loneliness or a widow who has reached acceptance and adjustment and is willing to help others as they travel the same road. There is no need to notify anyone, just come.

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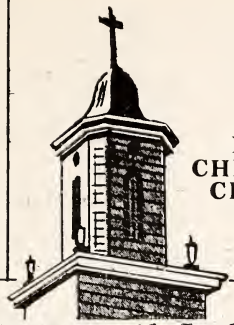

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CHURCH CALENDAR

SATURDAY, APRIL 10

7:30 P.M. College & Career, Scott Rayl, 7915 Old Decatur Rd. #305

SUNDAY, APRIL 11 - PALM SUNDAY

8:15 A.M. Meditative Worship
9:30 A.M. Church School
10:45 A.M. Divine Worship
4:00 P.M. SSSS of '76 sings at Beech Grove Christian Church
5:15 P.M. Living the Adventure
5:30 P.M. Youth Groups
7:00 P.M. Worship at West Creighton Christian Church

MONDAY, APRIL 12

7:30 P.M. Fellowship Guild, Pearl Heidecker, 2445 S. Fairfield #313

TUESDAY, APRIL 13

1:00 P.M. Gamboe Group, Maude Donahue, 2724 Hoagland
7:30 P.M. Evangelism Committee

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 14

7:30 P.M. Nelson Group, Ardith Wrisk, 259 E. Sherwood Terrace

THURSDAY, APRIL 15

6:30 P.M. SSSS of '76 rehersal
7:30 P.M. Maundy Thursday Worship

FRIDAY, APRIL 16 - GOOD FRIDAY

2:00 P.M. Community Worship - Epworth United Methodist
7:30 P.M. Drama, "The Garden Party" Worship Nave

"HOSANNA! BLESSED IS HE WHO COMES IN THE NAME OF THE LORD HOSANNA IN THE HIGHEST!

8:15 A.M. MEDITATIVE WORSHIP

Communion; Becky Stucky, solo ist; Sermon by Dr. Cline: "CONFESSING CHRIST AS LORD" - Steve Doles assisting

9:30 A.M. CHURCH SCHOOL

Classes for all age levels

10:45 A.M. DIVINE WORSHIP

Communion; Children's Choir singing; Soloists: Becky Stucky & Mel Busse; Steve Doles assisting and leading some singing; Dr. Cline preaching on "CONFESSING CHRIST AS LORD" Prepare by studying Zechariah 9:9-12; Philippians 2:5-11; Mark 11:1-10.

7:00 P.M. SPECIAL SERVICE AT WEST CREIGHTON CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Our choir is joining with that of our sister church to present THE CRUCIFIXION by John Stainer. Our host church is having a baptismal service as part of the evening.

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SERVING APRIL 11

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Glenn Miller and Dean Widler

10:45 A.M. Margaret Love and William Love

DEACONS

8:15 A.M. R. Baugher, D. Keebortz, C. Church, J. Taylor

10:45 A.M. R. Johnson, R. Wortley, J. Wiley, S. Rayl, K. Taylor, H. Stevenson, D. Young, D. Short

USHERS

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, D. Smith, R. Baugher

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, H. Stevenson, R. Chevalier, T. Frappier

GREETERS

8:15 A.M. D. Keebortz-SW, R. Yentes-SE

10:45 A.M. E. Klepfer,-NE, M. Cook-NW, M. Lehman-SE, K. Banet-SW

ACOLYTES

8:15 A.M. B. Grimm

10:45 A.M. C. Fountain, R. Baugher

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Amelia Dare and Dorothy Merriman

NURSERY WORKERS

8:15 A.M. B. Schilling

10:45 A.M. R. Krull, S. Cotton, K. Johnson

IN HOSPITALS

Lutheran: 390 Mrs. Myrtle DeVinney
488 Mr. Ronald Elliott
778 Mr. Virgil Montgomery

Parkview: 607 Mrs. Edith Roush
231 Mr. Gerald Elser

V.A. Hospital - Indianapolis
8 East Mr. Mel McNamee

WE REJOICE! LET'S DO IT AGAIN!

Income needed	$2,102.44
Giving for 4/4	2,655.72
Income to date needed	$84,098.16
Actual income to date	77,435.33
Accumulated shortage	6,662.83
Building Fund to date	$24,585.95

YOUTH SELECTED

Area I of the Christian Church is nominating Mel Baugher for Regional President and Diana Wortley for Regional Vice-President for the election at the Regional event on April 23-24. Chad Cline presides as current president. If Mel Baugher is not elected she will continue as Area I Youth Commissioner. If Mel is elected, Carol Cline will be Area I Youth Commissioner. Chad Cline was chosen as the new youth president for Area I.

Paid to date for the Regional CYF Event on April 23-23 are Melanie Baugher, Pat Campbell, Jaynie Jenkins, Ralph & Judy Church. Intentions have been received from Miriam Bixenman, Carol & Chad Cline, Nancy & Diana Wortley. **This weekend is the deadline for** payment of the $2.50 needed for registration. All high school youth are urged to attend!

SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED

To Mrs. Deanna Ruble and family in the death of her mother, Donna Stretch, last Friday in Breman, Indiana.

To Mrs. Edna Clark in the death of her brother last week.

DEAR FRIENDS OF FIRST CHRISTIAN:

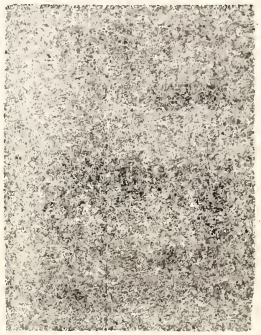
Thank you for all of your prayers and concern and also for gifts cards, and visits. Our prayers are with all of you also. May God bless you.

Love in Christ,
Judy Markley and family

MAUNDY THURSDAY COMMUNION WORSHIP
7:30 P.M. Thursday, April 15

We are hosting a joint Maundy Thursday Communion Worship with the West Creighton Christian Church. Our two choirs will combine for the presentation of "THE CRUCIFIXION", a cantata by John Stainer. Leaders of both congregations will be leading a climatic communion experience celebrating the institution of the Lord's Supper.

SOUTH FORT WAYNE GOOD FRIDAY WORSHIP EXPERIENCES



2:00 P.M. at EPWORTH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, 5311 Hessen Cassel. Rev. Mel Seeger of Christ United Methodist Church is preaching. Our Mel Busse and Sara Davis will sing a duet.

7:30 P.M. here at FIRST CHRISTIAN - A Good Friday Drama "THE GARDEN PARTY" written by William C. Dixon will be presented by a mixed cast including Nena Lucas and Steve Harter of our congregation. It will be directed by John Tolley, director of the First Presbyterian Theatre.

EASTER SUNDAY AT FIRST CHRISTIAN

HERALDING GOOD NEWS - Sermon "IT IS GOD'S DOING" - Isaiah 25: 6-9; I Corinthians 15:19-28; Mark 16:1-8

BAPTIZING INTO CHRIST - Baptisms can be scheduled at any of the three worship hours and are welcomed. Contace Dr. Cline to plan.

COMMUNING WITH THE RISEN CHRIST - Communion continues as a central act of each worship experience.

8:15 A.M. MEDITATIVE WORSHIP
SUPER SACRED SOUND SOCIETY OF '76 singing
9:30 A.M. CHURCH SCHOOL - classes for all ages
10:45 A.M. DIVINE WORSHIP
CHANCEL CHOIR singing, MEN singing, WOMEN'S CHORUS
7:00 P.M. CELEBRATION WORSHIP in parlor

I AM CONCERNED

I am concerned about the recent slump in giving to the budgeted needs of our church. WHAT HAS HAPPENED? Has God quit blessing you? Why is it possible that giving was so good in November-December and so low in Jan., Feb., & March? I think about the parable of the talents and "I wonder" which one we identify with as a church. Are we not "burying or keeping it all for ourselves" as we "neglect" the outreach or mission program? We say "sorry God, we didn't send any this month because we didn't have enough to go around." I believe the outreach responsibilities of this congregation are entitled to its fair share of whatever amount came in. God does bless those who are faithful in giving to Him. He says, "trust me," but we are not doing it. How long will it be before God takes away that which we have invested in only ourselves? I wonder. I am concerned. Are you?

Dean Widler

EDITORS NOTE: The above article was found in my box last week. It expresses a vital conviction. Others are free to submit articles voicing concerns for the church.

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WEEK OF COMPASSION

Our special giving for Week of Compassion totalled $1,000 this year. As we complete the $125 added support for this cause from Program Support each month, we will end the church year with a total of $2,500 given for these world relief ministries.

EASTER EGG HUNT

There will be the annual Easter Egg Hunt on the church lawn (inside if weather dictates) on Saturday, April 17, from 10:30 A.M.-12 noon. Prizes will be given and children will be served lunch before going home. The hunt will be for children through fourth grade.

CHURCH SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

Sunday at 9:30 will be a church school assembly in the 5th & 6th grade room, #333. We will see the film, "JESUS BEFORE THE HIGH PRIEST", a 15 minute movie depicting the trial and suffering of Jesus. The assembly is primarily for those in 1st-6th grades, but is open to youth and adult classes.

GIVING REPORTS

Our QUARTERLY REPORTS on recordable giving include nine months total on Program Support and five months on Building Fund. Call if there are questions!

THANKS FOR SATURDAY NIGHT!

Thanks to the Agape Players for their music, for our College & Career for helping with the meal, for the ladies who prepared food, and the families who hosted over night. Thanks for help to make this a good night.

PANTRY NEEDS

CLOTH DIAPERS, ENFAMIL FORMULA
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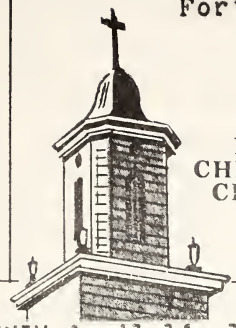

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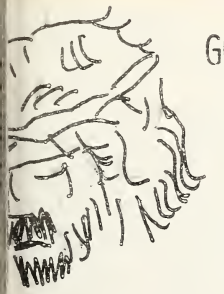
MAUNDY THURSDAY COMMUNION WORSHIP - 7:30 P. M.

CANTATA - "The Crucifixion" by John Stainer by combined choir of 40 voices of First Christian and West Creighton Christian Churches

COMMUNION - We will celebrate the institution of the Lord's Supper

CHILD CARE - Provided for younger children



GOOD FRIDAY WORSHIP - 7:30 P. M.

DRAMA: "The Garden Party" to interpret Jesus' agonizing struggle in the Garden of Gethsemane.

DISCUSSION: with the cast following in Fellowship Hall.

ECUMENICAL CAST: Including Steve Harter and Nena Lucas

Director: John Tolley

Author: William C. Dixon

CHILD CARE provided for younger children

EASTER SUNDAY CELEBRATIONS

8:15 A.M. MEDITATIVE WORSHIP
9:30 A.M. CHURCH SCHOOL CLASSES
10:45 A.M. DIVINE WORSHIP
7:00 P.M. CELEBRATION WORSHIP

CELEBRATE AS EASTER PEOPLE -- SING, PRAY, RELATE, COMMUNE, GIVE

SERMON "IT IS GOD'S DOING" Mark 16:1-8

SERVING APRIL 18

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Ralph Church and Harold Crowder

10:45 A.M. Cecil Rice and Robert Rayl

DEACONS

8:15 A.M. K. Place, E. Place, M.L. Hartzler, B. Lehman

10:45 A.M. J. Taylor, R. Wortley, R. Baugher, S. Hayes, R. Krull, E. Conrad, E. Nordblom, S. Knuckles

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NURSERY WORKERS

8:15 A.M. N. Schilling

10:45 A.M. L. Wiley, B. Hudlow, J. Kelly, M. Baugher

IN HOSPITALS

Lutheran: 778 Mr. Virgil Montgomery
Parkview: 248 Mrs. Rychie Smell
V.A. Hospital-Indianapolis
8 East-Mr. Mel McNamee

BASIC SUPPORT GIVING

Income needed	$2,102.44
Giving for 4/11	2,180.60
Income to date needed	86,200.60
Actual income to date	79,615.93
Accumulated shortage	6,584.67
Building Fund to date	24,960.97

RESPONSES TO INVITATION

MR. AND MRS. DAVID W. RINKER, 1718 Spring St. 08, 438-9943, identified with us in our common covenant in Christ. Dave comes in his confession of faith and his baptism later this month, Debbie comes in rededication and transfer from West Creighton Christian Church. He is employed at Magnavox, while Debbie works in the Travel Agency of Indiana National Bank. Debbie is the daughter of Kenneth and Elinor Place.

We rejoice in recommitments of life expressed in recent weeks by Rocky Baugher, Judy Markley, and Russell Wortley. We rejoice in the opportunity of special prayer and love in their behalf and in their openness to the living Christ.

THANK YOU NOTES

Dear Friends:

We wish to thank you for the many prayers, cards and letters during Mac's sickness. He will be in the hospital another three weeks or so. He was on a weekend pass this last weekend and requires fulltime attention as he is still paralyzed on the right side. We both need your continued prayers.

Love,
Tillie McNamee

I wish to thank Rev. Cline for coming to see me while I was in hospital for a tonsilectomy. Thanks so much.
Mrs. Wm. DeVinney

Many thanks to the Rivera Group for the lovely Easter plant.
Raymond Russell

SIGNIFICANT ACTIONS OF BOARD ON APRIL 6, 1976

'he Board approved that Steve Doles be hired under our Summer Intern Prog ram from May 20 to September 1, 1976 and that his reimbursement be take: from the earnings of the Church Vocation Memorial Trust Fund.

:n response to the notation of the State Fire Marshall, namely, "There :hall be a minimum of two (2) exits for every floor above the first floor n accordance with Sec. 3302-A, U.B.C., 1973", the Board approved a sup- ılemental bid of $4,800 on our third floor project to add a new enclosed :tairway. This action admittedly took our financial outlays above our lesired level and thus there is need for all building fund giving, any new ıiving and keeping it current to minimize borrowing. This addition makes : total bid of $20,363 for the improvements of the third floor of the ed- ıcational wing. In addition to this sum, we have spent $32,962.15 to date nd we have approved contracts of $11,167.24.

'he revised Policy Statement for our Pantry Program of March 23 was ap- roved. This made minor changes to our four year old effort. The major hange was the limiting of clothing provision to children's clothing. hus, we will no longer be stocking adult clothing.

he Lay Personnel Committee added the following nominees to its list for he coming church election this spring--Two year terms - Jerry Zimmerman s Chairman of Christian Education, Delores Keebortz and Russell Wortley s co-chairpersons of the Diaconate.

ction was taken to prepare a Study-Rationale document concerning the pos ibility of a mini-bus. Since building funds will not cover this item, it s recognized that it can only come from a special gift, some special ef- ort to underwrite, or written into a future budget. The special mini-bus ommittee along with the professional staff were asked to draft the state- ent.

he Education Committee reported a Children's Easter Egg Hunt on April 17. he Property Committee set April 24 for a work day especially on the Lib- ary Room. The Worship Committee announced Holy Week Services.

he Evangelism Committee announced and received support for an enlarged ommittee which will be a steering committee for sub-committees such as rayer Support, Church School or Educational Development, Fireside Evange- ism, Calling Program, Evangelism Enabling, Professional Direction.

CHALLENGE TO EACH OF US

Recently statements were mailed to members and friends of First Christian Church, indicating the support giving (for past 9 months) and building fund giving (for past 5 months). At the end of each of the periods indicated above, the support giving shows $4,032.24 balance not received on support pledges and $1,410.63 not received on B.F. pledges. This is a challenge to each of us to bring our commitments up to date! For the many who do not make a formal pledge toward the church's program, ask yourself if your total giving over the past nine months reflects a fair share of giving for support of your church?

When we fail to keep our giving up to date, it hurts other areas of our church as well. Our Outreach giving is down because of the need to meet the bills to care for ourselves and the church building. Can we honestly feel good about this?

If there is some reason that you have been unable to keep to date on your pledge, please contact me and explain the situation so records can be clarified.

Nancy Wortley,
Financial Recorder

SKATING PARTY - CUCS

The Christian Under Construction group will have a Roller Skating Party on Saturday, April 24. Meet at the Roller Dome South at 7:30 in the Parking lot. The group will go to the home of Jack and Pam Bickel after skating.

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE

2:00 P.M. at EPWORTH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH - 5311 Hessen Cassel Road
SERMON: "Why Did He?" by Rev. Melvin Seeger of Christ United Methodist Church

CHURCH CALENDAR

FRIDAY, APRIL 16
2:00 P.M. Community Good Friday Worship - Epworth Methodist
7:30 P.M. Drama, "The Garden Party - Worship Nave

SATURDAY, APRIL 17
10:30 - 12:00 EASTER EGG HUNT

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 18
8:15 A.M. Meditative Worship
9:30 A.M. Church School
10:45 A.M. Divine Worship
5:30 P.M. CYF
7:00 P.M. Celebration Worship

MONDAY, APRIL 19
10:00 A.M. Study Group
7:30 P.M. Evangelism Calling

THURSDAY, APRIL 22
9:30 A.M. Serendipity Class
7:00 P.M. Understanding the NT
7:30 P.M. Chancel Choir

CANCELLATIONS

No College and Career Group on Easter Eve - April 17

No Chi Rho meeting on Easter

PANTRY NEEDS: ENFAMIL FORMULA

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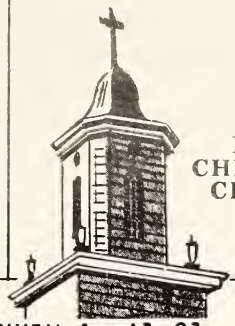

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CHURCH CALENDAR

FRIDAY, APRIL 23
3:00 P.M. CYF to State Event in Bloomington
6:15 P.M. College & Career meet for program at Lutheran Home

SATURDAY, APRIL 24
8:30 A.M. Work Day
7:30 P.M. CUC Class Skating Party - Roller Dome South

SUNDAY, APRIL 25
8:15 A.M. Meditative Worship
9:30 A.M. Church School
10:45 A.M. Divine Worship
2:00 P.M. Chi Rho to Fox Island
5:30 P.M. CYF
7:00 P.M. Celebration Worship

MONDAY, APRIL 26
7:30 P.M. Evangelism Calling

TUESDAY, APRIL 27
10:30 A.M. D.M.A. to Wayne Plantarium, Potluck at church at 12:15

THURSDAY, APRIL 29
9:30 A.M. Serendipity Class
7:00 P.M. Understanding the N.T.
7:30 P.M. Chancel Choir

PANTRY NEEDS: CANNED FRUIT

CANNED MEATS, POWDERED MILK

EASTER TO PENTECOST

Our church year celebrates the victory of Jesus and moves into the empowering of his people to continue his ministry and mission in the world. May we allow these Sundays to be growing days of our response to and channeling of the victory of our Lord!

SERMONS

4/25 *"The Breath of Courage"*
John 20:19-31, Acts 4:32-35, I John 5:1-6

5/2 *8:15 A.M. "Sharing His Life"*
Luke 24:36-49; Acts 3:13-15; I John 12:2
10:45 A.M. Charity Singers from Taylor University including Steve Doles

5/8 *"At Home in the Family of God"*
John 10:11-18; Acts 1:15-26; I John 3:18-24

5/23 *Steve Doles preaching*
John 17:11b-19; Acts 1:15-26; I John 4:13-21

5/30 *"I Chose You"*
John 15:9-17; Acts 10:34-48; I John 4:1-11

6/6 *PENTECOST "Our Unique Witness"*
Ezekiel 37:1-14; John 7:37-39a; Acts 2:1-21

SERVING APRIL 25

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Mark Snyder and Ben Taylor

10:45 A.M. Jack Weicker and Robert Hendricks

DEACONS

8:15 A.M. R. Baugher, C. Cline, C. Church, J. Taylor

10:45 A.M. K. Taylor, M. Lehman, S. Schell, M. Crouse, D. Young, S. Thompson, T. Frappier, M. Finkhousen

USHERS

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, D. Smith, C. Cline

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, R. Chevalier, H. Stevenson, M. Finkhousen

GREETERS

8:15 A.M. C. Lee-SE, R. Baugher-SW

10:45 A.M. M. Lehman-SE, S. Schell-SW, K. Banet-NE, M. Cook. NW

ACOLYTES

8:15 A.M. S. Keebortz

10:45 A.M. Nancy & Anne Frappier

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NURSERY WORKERS

8:15 A.M. Anne Lee

10:45 A.M. J. Markley, B. Short, B. Finkhousen

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

Eileen Klepfer, Marilyn Byers, Susan Fleck

IN HOSPITALS

Lutheran: 390 Mr. Michael Watson
778 Mr. Virgil Montgomery

Parkview: 248 Mrs. Rychie Smell

Whitley County - Columbia City
ICU - Mr. Clyde Sievers

NOTE: Mr. Mel McNamee is now at 4 Rutledge Pl, Terre Haute

CONGRATULATIONS ON BIRTH to Bernie and Pat Norman, a son, Aaron Scott, on April 13, 1976.

OUTREACH EASTER OFFERING

$674.79 has been received to date in our special Easter Offering. We call for any final giving that we might exceed $750.

PAPER DRIVE

The next paper drive scheduled by the Chi Rho is May 1 (Saturday). Papers may be brought to the church during the week of April 25, but before 9:00 A.M. on May 1. If you need pick up, please call Ingrid von Buchler, 747-7075, or the church office.

FUNERAL OF MEMBER

LeRoy Timbrook on 4/18/76. Le Roy had served four terms as a deacon since his transfer into our congregation in 1949. Sympathy is extended to his daughter, Harriet Sears and family.

THANKS FROM MEMBERS

Opal Heller at the Flinn Home in Marion thanks all for the many cards received for her birthday on April 18.

To all our Christian Friends:

We want to express our thanks and love for all the remembrances by so many of you in the loss of our mother, Donna Stretch.

There are no words but there is a good feeling knowing that others are sharing your grief in time of distress. We truly appreciate all the visitation at the funeral home, and church plus flowers and the many cards. We again say thank you for your concern and may God bless all of you.

Jim & Deanna Ruble
and family

DECISIONS FOR CHRIST AND CHURCH

EASTER TO PENTECOST...

We are aware of definite plans for several to be making a stand for Christ and the church in the coming weeks. The following might be helpful for those or others:

1. We want you as a member of our congregation. In response to the call of God this must be a decision made by YOU. We do encourage you to act.
2. Your decision may be made public in any of our three Sunday worship services. The Invitation is a regular part of our worship experience.
3. We receive members of other congregations by acknowledging their transfer of membership and then our office makes contact with the other church.
4. We receive members by confession of faith in Christ. For those who have never been church members, we ask that you pledge your life and loyality to Christ and His Church. When you come to the point of public confession, we ask you, "Do you accept Jesus as the Christ, the Son of the living God, and do you accept him as your personal Lord and Savior?" After confession, a baptismal service is arranged. It can be set for immediately following, if prior arrangements are made.
5. We believe your identification with our congregation is making you a responsible and working part of the body of Christ and the Church Universal.
6. You may desire to discuss your decidion with the pastor, but is not necessary. If God is calling you, we urge your response.

EVANGELISM --

WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO YOU?

What is Evangelism? The Evangelism Committee is interested in knowing just what Evangelism means to you. We would also like to hear your ideas on how the Church can utilize your ideas to bring the entire membership together in an Evangelistic involvment. Your needs should be voiced so the church can work for you and design programs for you.

Please write your thoughts down and give them to one of the committee members listed below, the church office, or Dr. Cline.

Thank you - Carl Schwartz for Evangelism Enabling Committee: Dean & Elsie Widler, Joe Wiley, Rocky & Lee Baugher, Janet Weicker, Carl Schwartz, Margaret Love, Steve Harter.

D.M.A. ON APRIL 27

We will meet at 10:30 A.M. to go the the Wayne High School Planetarium for a program at 11:00 led by Mrs. David Griggs. We will have the usual potluck at the church at 12:15 after our program. Hosting are Paul & Grace Truby, Jefferson & Mildred Young. Program coordinator is Hugh Rice.

CHI RHO SPECIAL EVENT

The Chi Rho will meet at the church at 2:00 P.M. Sunday to go to Fox Island. We will return at 5:? and there will be no regular meeting. Refreshments will be provide

ATTENTION MEN:

The first First Christian Golf Outing is scheduled for Saturday, May 8, 1976 at Brookwood Golf Course. We have arranged for 8 foursomes to tee off between 8 and 9 A.M. The outing will be a best ball tourney and the cost of $6.00 will pay for 18 holes of golf and 4 trophies for the 1st place team. The teams will be determined by pairing averages as evenly as possible. A sign up sheet is located on the bulletin board outside the office. Sign up early. If you have any questions or comments contact either Merle Grimm or Mel Busse.

CYF TO BLOMMINGTON

8 youth and 4 adults are attending the Regional CYF Event this weekend at First Christian in Bloomington. The theme is "This Is Where I Am". Attending are *Melanie Baugher, Chad & Carol Cline, Patty Campbell, Jaynie Jenkins, Necia Stucker, Ken Taylor, Nancy & Diana Wortley, Miriam Bixenman and Ralph & Judy Church.*

KEEP UP THE GIVING OF LAST SUNDAY!

Income needed	$2,102.44
Giving for 4/18	2,426.06
Income to date needed	$88,303.04
Actual income to date	82,041.99
Accumulated shortage	6,264.05
Building Fund to date	$25,743.98

We have ten weeks of this church year to erase the deficit of $6,264.05. We need every member and friend doing his best to keep lowering thie figure. Our Program Support needs to include $626.40 weekly above our weekly average of $2,102.44. We can do this by June 30!

CHURCH SCHOOL ROOM ADJUSTMENTS

Because of our work on the third floor of the Educational Unit, the following changes are being made:

GRADES 7 & 8 TO ROOM 301
CYF TO ROOM 130 - EAST PARLOR
GOSPEL SEEKERS TO ROOM 120
COLLEGE & CAREER TO ROOM 201
GRADES 5 & 6 TO CENTER FELLOWSHIP HALL

SPECIAL NOTE: On April 25, Grades 3 & 4 will be in Room 133 and then will return to 130 on May 2. Ages 2 & 3 children will move to 133 on May 2.

ALIENATION CLASS

The new class dealing with alienation (fear, guilt, inferoity, and hostility), which had been scheduled to begin this Sunday evening, has been rescheduled to begin Tuesday, May 11, at 9:30 A.M. Child care will be provided. Additional registrants are invited. Contact the church office. Cost is $2.00 for the course.

COLLEGE & CAREER TO LUTHERAN HOME

The College & Career group will meet at the church at 6:15 P.M. this Friday to go to the Lutheran Home for a special musical program for the residents there.

479 PERSONS IN WORSHIP!

We rejoiced in the meaning and fulfillment expressed by many last Sunday. Would you be one of at least 379 in worship this next Sunday! We need this for the final 10 weeks to achieve our worship average of 328!

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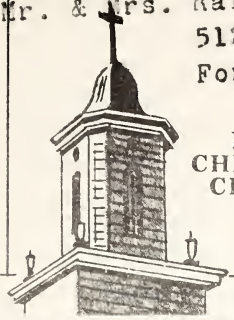

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CHURCH CALENDAR

ATURDAY, MAY 1
00 A.M. Chi Rho Paper Drive
30 P.M. College & Career, here

NDAY, MAY 2
15 A.M. Meditative Worship
30 A.M. Church School
):45 A.M. Divine Worship
30 P.M. Bell Choir
15 P.M. Living the Adventure
30 P.M. CYF hosts Marion CYF
30 P.M. Chi Rho
00 P.M. Celebration Worship

NDAY, MAY 3
:00 A.M. Study Group
30 P.M. Evangelism Calling
30 P.M. Brummel Group, Rosery Krull, 3466 S. Washington Rd.

ESDAY, MAY 4
00 A.M. Kepple Group, Fern nline, 2614 Abbey Dr., #1
30 P.M. Board of Trustees

DNESDAY, MAY 5
00 A.M. Spice Group, Genevieve pple, 3405 Central
45 P.M. Higdon Group, Grace uby, 440 Englewood Ct.

URSDAY, MAY 6
30 A.M. Serendipity Class
00 P.M. Understanding the NT
30 P.M. Chancel Choir
30 P.M. Widow's Group, Laverne nt, 1721 Shamrock

CHARITY SINGERS SUNDAY

The Charity Singers from Taylor University will be sharing in both Worship hours this Sunday. This group includes Steve Doles, Rick Starrett, Jim Wheeler, Susan Frazier and Nan Kennedy. They will have a beat and a message.

During Meditative Worship at 8:15 A.M. they will share in several selections of special music. Dr. Cline will be preaching on the theme, "SHARING HIS LIFE" - Luke 24: 36-49; Acts 3: 13-15; I John 1:1-2:2. If you desire a preaching hour, choose this service.

During Divine Worship at 10:45 A.M. the Charity Singers will lead a major portion of the service and will replace the sermon. Dr. Cline will be leading communion, a baptismal, invitation and other basic parts of our worship experience.

Contemporary gospel music will be shared through these college youth! We invite all to share in this special highlight!

Steve Doles will lead singing for our Celebration Worship at 7:00 P.M. The CYF from First Christian Church in Marion will be our special guests.

SERVING MAY 2

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Charles Ludwig
Merle Grimm

10:45 A.M. James Ruble
William Love

DEACONS

8:15 A.M. M.L. Hartzler, S. Thompson, B. Lehman, R. Baugher

10:45 A.M. W. Bowen, S. Rayl, E. Nordblom, S. Knuckles, D. Young, D. Short, R. Krull, E. Conrad

USHERS

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, D. Smith, J. Stucky

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, R. Chevalier, H. Stevenson, S. Rayl

GREETERS

8:15 A.M. M.L. Hartzler-SE, S. Thompson-SW

10:45 A.M. E. Norblom-SE, S. Knuckles-SW, E. Conrad-NE, R. Krull-NW

ACOLYTES

8:15 A.M. T. Sauerwein

10:45 A.M. J. Morris, E. Jenkins

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HOMEBOUND COMMUNION

Glenn Miller - Max Finkhousen
Ralph Church - Tom Frappier

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

Helen & Val Williams, P. Buskirk

NURSERY WORKERS

8:15 A.M. M. Arruza

10:45 A.M. C. Akers, S. Fleck, C. Cline

IN HOSPITALS

WHITLEY CO. - COLUMBIA CITY
ICU - Mr. Clyde Sievers
LUTHERAN: 784 Mr. Bill Franklin
PARKVIEW: 415 Mr. Bill Graham

FUNERAL OF MEMBER: Mrs. Lela R. Vesey, who had been a member since Oct. 1, 1923, on 4/24/76. Graveside Services by Dr. Cline.

THANK YOU!

The Christian Education Committee gives a special "thank you" to those who helped with the 4th annual Easter Egg Hunt. Those helping included: members of Chi Rho (Mai Pauley, Kim Campbell, Bruce Grimm & John Morriss) who colored eggs; members o CYF (Carol Cline, Dan Church, Melanie Baugher, & Diana Wortley) who hid eggs and watched so children did not get hurt; Jan Loveless who also hid eggs and helped watch; Sandy Zimmerman who baked cookies; Delores Keebortz who made favors and did shopping; Elinor Place who made the ceremacic eggs; Nila Schilling and Karen Zimmerman who did kitchen duties, Karen Flickinger who prepared the prize drawings, and Jerry Zimmerman and Miriam Bixenman who directed the hunt.

WEDDING BY PASTOR

Monte Gene Tobias and Phyllis Ann Pussey on 4/24/76. They are residing at 10719 U.S. 27 S., Lot #50.

THANKS TO CHURCH

"In behalf of the residents of Lutheran Home I wish to thank the College & Career group of young people who came to the Home and gave us such a lovely and worthwhile program. It was an inspiration to all of us and I was proud to be a member of a church that produced such a fine group. Many thanks.

Elna M. Taylor

We wish to thank Dr. Cline and all our friends at First Christian for their prayers, visits, and phone calls during my recent stay in the hospital. Fred & Rychie Smell

WEEKDAY RELIGIOUS EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIPS

May has been designated Weekday Religious Education Scholarship Month by the Associated Churches. The W.R.E. program is the well known Christian Education study carried on in the 3rd, 4th, and 5th grades of our Fort Wayne Community and surrounding county schools. Most people recognize the familiar mobile classroom trailers used in the program. W.R.E. reaches about 7,600 children in the area. It is estimated that 2,000 of these youngsters have no other Christian education.

Like all of us, inflation has hit hart at the Associated Churches budget and already the W.R.E. program has been cut by dropping two weeks from the school year. Won't you help by sponsoring a child in this program at a cost of $8.00. Make your check out to First Christian and mark it for "Weekday Religious Education." Thanks for your concern and action. Ralph Church.

This over-and-above help is for those interested to underwrite this need. We have sent $250 per month regularly from Program Support giving for this community effort. You may mark $8 extra on your envelope for this if you desire.

GUEST YOUTH SUNDAY EVENING

The CYF of First Christian Church in Marion will be guests of our CYF for activities and a light meal at 5:30 P.M. this Sunday. They will also be participating in our Celebration Worship at 7:00. We invite all of our high schoolers to be present to help host this group. Our Steve Doles will be leading singing for both times

BUILDING FUND MILESTONE

We just completed the first s months of our three year pled period of Building Fund giving. W have received $26,186.54 which i more than one-third of our tota pledges of $77,240.55. Keep up this outstanding record. We need an additional giving because of th required new stairway which puts u above desired costs. We are in th midst of the heavy work on ou floor of the educational wing. Le us press on as we have started s strongly!

CALL FOR HOUSING

Steve Doles is scheduled to b with us from May 20 to September 1 Does anyone desire to provide hous ing and meals? Renumeration i given according to usuage arrange between Steve and the home. H needs a room of his own. If yo are interested or have a recommen dation to be considered, call Dr. Cline at the church office.

SESSIONS '76

We not have six men registere for this new experience at Purdu University from June 18 to 22 Registered are Harold Cline, Ross Steve Harter, Vincent Wells, Dea Widler, and Joe Wiley. Register tion deadline is May 7 so talk Dr. Cline immediately to get you name in for this rich experience with 3,000 men of our Christian Churches for inspiration, relationship, workshops and fun. Dr. Fre Craddock is daily Bible lecturer.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MAY MEET IN IS 7:30 May 4th. Every Board Member is urged to attend.

HELP OUR YOUTH!

CHI RHO PAPER DRIVE

Bring papers by 9:00 A.M. this Saturday, May 1. If you need pick-up, call 747-7075.

CYF CAR WASH

Our CYF will have a car wash on our parking lot from 9:00 to 4:00 on Saturday, May 8. Donation of $1.50 for inside and outside cleaning. One-hald of the proceeds will go for the Building Fund.

BICENTENNIAL SQUARE DANCE

7:00 to 10:00 P.M., Saturday July 3 in air-conditioned Fellowship Hall. Mark the date now!

THANKSGIVING FOR CHILDBIRTH AND DEDICATION OF PARENTS

This special worship experience for families with young children will be at 10:45 A.M. on Sunday, May 9. Please call the church office if you desire to participate with your child or if you have questions.

MEN' GOLF OUTING

We still have some spots open for sign-up for the Men's Golf Outing scheduled for May 8. We will be teeing off between 8:00 and 9:00 A.M. at the Brookwood Golf Course. Cost is $6.00 for 18 holes of play and 4 first-place trophies. Sign up on sheet on bulletin board opposite office.

C.W.F. ANNUAL MAY BREAKFAST SET FOR MAY 17

The annual May Breakfast for C.W.F. members and guests will be May 17 (Monday) at 9:30 A.M. in Fellowship Hall. This annual event is a highlight of the CWF year and you will want to be here this year to hear Winifred Smith speak on "This Pilgrim's Progress" as she recounts her life of faith. Winifred is a well-known speaker among the Christian Churches and has served along with her husband Joseph as a missionary and held many positions and offices in her own right in the Christian Church. Many of you may remember her husband, Joe, who visited in our morning worship hours last year.

Win will also be participating in a special Celebration Worship on May 16, at 7:00 P.M.

Please make reservations for the breakfast (your friends are welcome) at your May group meeting or by calling the Church office by May 14. Child care will be provided.

MELANIE BAUGHER ELECTED REGIONAL CYF PRESIDENT

At the recent Regional CYF Spring Event on the IU campus in Bloomington, our Melanie Baugher was elected the President for the CYF on the regional level for the coming year. Congratulations Melanie! Chad Cline served as Regional CYF President this past year.

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CHURCH CALENDAR

URDAY, MAY 8

0 A.M. Men's Golf Outing
0 A.M. CYF Car Wash
0 P.M. Faith at Work, South
ayne Baptist Church

DAY, MAY 9

5 A.M. Meditative Worship
0 A.M. [illegible] School
.5 A.M. [illegible] Worship
0 P.M. Bell Choir
5 P.M. Sunday Night Group
0 P.M. Youth Groups
0 P.M. Celebration Worship

AY, MAY 10

P.M. Gamboe Group, Ethel
khold, 221 W. Maple Grove
P.M. CWF Evaluation
P.M. Evangelism Calling
P.M. Guild, Elain Conrad,
Nevada

DAY, MAY 11

A.M. Alienation Class

ESDAY, MAY 12

P.M. Nelson, Delores
rmyer, 5443 Winchester Rd.

SDAY, MAY 13

A.M. Rivera Group
A.M. Serendipity
P.M. Understanding the NT
P.M. Chancel Choir

RY NEEDS: SOUPS, CRACKERS, ANNED FRUIT, POWDERED MILK

GREETINGS IN THE LORD!

The enthusiasm and life was evident in all three worship hours Sunday! This was aided by the Cheerfully singers but was also the combined [illegible] of many [illegible] Christ [illegible] [illegible] prayer [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] in [illegible] [illegible] Lord's Day in the life of the church in so many ways!

I look forward to this coming Sunday with anticipation. On this Mother's Day, the focus will be on the family--both the family unit and the church as the family of God. We will have a service of Thanksgiving for Childbirth and Dedication of Parents at the beginning of our Worship at 10:45 A.M. The sermon during the morning hours will be "AT HOME IN THE FAMILY OF GOD." Background texts for the day are John 10:11-18; Acts 4:8-12; and I John 3:1,2. Christ calls us into relationships of mutual support, affirmation, and caring. We all desperately need the sense of being "at home" with God and with others about us.

Harold E. Cline

SERVING MAY 9

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Bill Franklin and George Bruckman

10:45 A.M. Margaret Love and Steve Harter

DEACONS

8:15 A.M. R. Baugher, D. Keebortz, C. Cline, C. Church

10:45 A.M. R. Johnson, M. Crouse, E. Klepfer, M. Lehman, J. Taylor, S. Hayes, J. Wiley, R. Wortley

USHERS

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, D. Smith, C. Cline

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, R. Chevalier, H. Stevenson, S. Hayes

GREETERS

8:15 A.M. D. Keebortz-SE, R. Yentes-SW

10:45 A.M. E. Klepfer-NE, M. Lehman-NW, K. Banet-SE, M. Cook-SW

ACOLYTES

8:15 A.M. B. Grimm

10:45 A.M. B.S. Johnson & L. Ruble

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Gladys Moore & Eileen Klepfer

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

Max and Lois Finkhousen

NURSERY WORKERS

8:15 A.M. J. Jenkins

10:45 A.M. M. Byers, A. Benny, N. Hendricks

IN HOSPITAL

Parkview: 415 Mr. William Graham

SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED

To Mr. Glenn Miller and family in the death of his sister, Eva Lewis on April 24.

wife, Marilyn, there are two children, Kristin in the second grade and Jennifer who was recently four.

TEN FORWARD DURING INVITAT

At the 10:45 A.M. Worsh on Sunday we had a thrilli max to worship as ten came forward: Patty Campb Michael Watson in surre life to Christ; Michael By Brett and Nena Lucas in tr of membership; Marilyn Bye ing a stand alongside her and Joyce Crowe, Helen Becky Buskirk, and Bill Wi recommitments of life.

Patty Campbell is the d of Susie Watson. She ha meaning and relationship C.Y.F. program. Her exp with Jesus has been grow ward this expression. S tenth grader at South Si School.

Michael Watson, 3933 Rc Dr., 06 745-9032 comes in mitment of life to Jesus. the husband of Susie Watsc drives for Hoosier Solve welcome this turning pc life.

Brett and Nena Lucas Fairfield, 07, 442-4713, transfer from First Ch Church in Marion, Indiana, is a history teacher at W S. and coaches wrestling. works at the County Cler fice. He has sung wit choirs, and she has wor drama the last two springs are the parents of Amanda ine, who was recently two

Michael Byers, 1024 worth Trail, 19 747-2075 fied in transfer from Fait el Missionary Church of Bend. He works in Auto Sa Brookside. In addition

COMMITMENT IN EVANGELISM

When a person makes a commitment to accept Christ into his life and to live that life according to His Way, a casual relationship with the body of Christ (i.e., the Church) will not suffice. The very word commitment demands a definite course of action.

The church is the arena where we can show evidence of and experience growth in our commitment by participation in worship and related functions such as bible school classes and small group experiences. In sharing and testimony of our own struggles and victories, we share Christ and His message. This is the essence of evangelism. Extending Christ's functions, however can only accomplished by Christian persons who are committed -- who are willing to be used in the service of the church.

It has been said that serving the needs of people -- in testimony sharing, caring, prayer, and bible study -- is the essence of the gospel. Is it not vital, therefore, to be present in weekly worship and various church experiences to enable one another and grow through the fellowship. The good news can't be shared in a vacum. Committed Christians are the essential ingredient.

Steve and Tana Harter

C.W.F. EVALUATION

A special committee has been formed to work throughout the coming year in evaluating our Christian Women's Fellowship. The need for this evaluation was recognized a year ago but with the help and encouragement of the regional organization we are now ready to proceed. Every woman member of the church will have an opportunity in the near future to express how she feels about C.W.F. as it now exists and what she would like to see it become. This will be an exciting time and we are confident that from it will come opportunities to greatly increase the church's witness.

There will be a committee meeting May 10 at 7:30 P.M. in the Conference Room. Members are Colyn Crowder, Rosemary Krull, Irene Cline, Amelia Dare, Barb Hayes, Lois Finkhousen, Eunice Conrad, Betty Grimm, Ruth Ogle and Judy Church. Ex-officio members are Miriam Bixenman, Ruby Cline Margaret Love, Connie Wells, Nancy Wortley, and Andy Benny.

CYF CAR WASH SAT. MAY 8 PARKING LOT 9:00 - 4:00

CYF CAR WASH SATURDAY

Our CYF youth will be cleaning insides and washing cars from 9:00 to 4:00 this Saturday the 8th on our parking lot. One-half of the proceeds go for the Building Fund. A suggested donation is $1.50 Bring your cars for a Mother's Day weekend cleaning!

SCHOLARSHIP FOR WRE

We received $140 in special giving Sunday for Weekday Christian Education scholarships at $8 per child. This is open throughout May. Mark your regular envelope and add an extra $8 or $16 or $24, or use the special envelopes available in the narthex and every week.

[illegible] AVERAGES

Worship	340
Church School	133
Program Support	$2,131.87
Building Fund	632.13

APRIL NEW MEMBERS

Dave & Debbie Rinker

EASTER OUTREACH OFFERING

$700 was sent this week as our special giving on Easter for World Outreach causes of the Christian Church. We thank all for this over-and-above effort!

SUNDAY'S PROFILE (5/2/76)

Worship	376
Church School	151
Program Support	$2,201.96
Building Fund	641.01

THANKS FOR HELP!

Thanks to Peg Buskirk, Val Taylor, Diana & Nancy Wortley, and Carol Cline for help last Saturday in cleaning building imporvement dust and grime.

WE CAN REACH $109,227

This is the total amount of c 1975-76 Program Ministries Go The dollars are needed to bring c operating funds out of the red c to underwrite outreach commitmer to continue existing educatic mission, and benevolent work.

We need $23,828 in giving j the next eight weeks. This about $7,000 above our regular cu rent average. None of us can co plete this task, but we all can it together! IF...

IF...Token and low givers wo move up to:

Beginning Commitment - $1 per w [illegible] annual income [illegible] per [illegible] $1,000 of annual income

[illegible] $1,000 of annual [illegible]

IF...those with reserve [illegible] would make a special gift

Some who might not be on peak come or who have reserves co make a special gift to give church the momentum to achie its needed goal for staff, f ilities, program, and commun and larger outreach ministries

IF...EVERY member and friend First Christian gave

The reality of the church in world is costly--not as much God's gift of Jesus which star the church--Every person who s ses life and blessing in Chr needs to be a giver.

WE CAN REACH $109,227 BY JUNE 1976!

CAMP BARBEE WORK DAY

We will meet here at 8:00 A on Saturday, May 15 to go in group to help open Camp Barbee.

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CHURCH CALENDAR

SATURDAY, MAY 15

8:00 A.M. College & Career meet for Clean Up at Barbee
9:00 A.M. Work Day here

SUNDAY, MAY 16

8:15 A.M. Meditative Worship
9:30 A.M. Church School
10:45 A.M. Divine Worship
3:00 P.M. Chi Rho to Fox Island (no regular meeting)
4:30 P.M. Bell Choir
5:15 P.M. Sunday evening group
5:30 P.M. CYF
7:00 P.M. Celebration Worship

MONDAY, MAY 17

9:30 A.M. May Breakfast
7:30 P.M. Evangelism Calling

TUESDAY, MAY 18

9:30 A.M. Alienation Class

THURSDAY, MAY 20

9:30 A.M. Serendipity Class
7:00 P.M. Understanding the NT
7:30 P.M. Chancel Choir

PANTRY NEEDS:

SOUPS, CRACKERS, POWDERED MILK

SUNDAY'S SERMON

"THE FRUIT OF CONNECTION" - Read in preparation John 15:1-8, Acts 9: 26-31, I John 3:18-24.

CELEBRATION WORSHIP

Our Celebration Worship at 7:00 P.M. will include a baptismal service and a dialogue with Mrs. Joseph (Winifred) Smith on the theme "WHERE IS THE CHURCH IN THE WORLD?" Mrs. Smith has been a leader in our churches both on the mission field and here in the states. She is an alive Christian witness with much to share.

C.W.F. MAY BREAKFAST

The annual CWF May Breakfast will be Monday, May 17 at 9:30 A.M. in Fellowship Hall. Guests are welcome but reservations for all need to be in the church office, Friday, May 14.

Winifred Smith will speak on the theme, "THIS PILGRIM'S PROGRESS" as she shares from her own personal pilgrimage as a child of God.

Child Care will be provided. Please indicate need when making reservations.

SERVING MAY 16

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Glenn Miller and William Schilling

10:45 A.M. Robert Hendricks and Steve Harter

DEACONS

8:15 A.M. K. Place, E. Place, M.L. Hartzler, J. Taylor

10:45 A.M. M. Finkhousen, W. Bowman, K. Taylor, S. Rayl, H. Stevenson, S. Thompson, R. Krull, E. Conrad

USHERS

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, D. Smith, J. Taylor

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, R. Chevalier, H. Stevenson, M. Finkhousen

GREETERS

8:15 A.M. E. Place-SE, M.L. Hartzler-SW

10:45 A.M. R. Krull-SE, S. Thompson-SE, E. Conrad-NE, M. Cook-NW

ACOLYTES

8:15 A.M. R. Baugher

10:45 A.M. C. Crowe

COMMUNION PREPARATION

N. Andrew, K. Banet

HOMEBOUND COMMUNION

Harold Crowder - Kenneth Place

William Love - Scott Rayl

NURSERY WORKERS

8:15 A.M. M.L. Hartzler

10:45 A.M. B. Hayes, J. Ott, D. Wortley

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

College and Career

IN HOSPITALS

Lutheran 788 Mrs. Deann Halbrook

PROFILE FOR 5/9/76

WORSHIP	341
CHURCH SCHOOL	146
PROGRAM SUPPORT	$1,945.70
BUILDING FUND	$2,066.25

THREE RESPOND TO INVITATION

CHARLES AND ARMELLA NEWMAN, 5956 Turtlecreek 16; 447-1058, identified back with us in a transfer of membership from Central Christian Church in Anderson. Charles is back in town after completing a BA in Radio and TV and is working in sales as Account Executive for WOWO. They have two sons, Adam - 4; and Barry - 8 months. They had belonged with us several years ago before completing his degree. They are both Choir singers.

MRS. RAYMOND JACKSON, 3211 S. Barr, 06; 745-7196, identified in a transfer of membership from North Christian Church. Thelma was widowed in 1966 and retired after 25 years at Sears in March, 1975. She is the mother of three, one of whom is deceased, and the grandmother of ten.

TO THANK YOU

Dear Everyone,

Thank you very much for praying with me for my husband, Bill, while he was in the hospital. He came home Tuesday afternoon. Without your prayers and love you all have given me I don't know what I would have done. May God be with you all. I love you. Helene Graham

Thank you for your kindness and warm hospitality. Last Sunday was a beautiful experience for us. The supper was delicious, the youth of your church are super, and the Celebration Worship a real blessing. It was especially good to share the blessings of the earlier part of your day.

Gratefully,

Jim & Ruthalice Watson

Counselors of CYF of FCC, Marion

SIGNIFICANT ACTIONS OF THE BOARD ON MAY 4, 1976

The basic operating fund of the church showed a deficit figure at the end of April of $2,750.89 in the red. This is caused by the shortage of giving especially in January through March since April income exceeded the average need. The shortage of giving plus $3,105 in overexpenditure in Property largely for boiler repairs and increased utility costs have put us in this position. We need all regular giving possible between now and June 30. Our Building Fund giving has been ahead of schedule, but we have hurt on our basic Program and Ministries support.

Largely due to the Edna Saxon bequest, $5,840.11 was in the Capital Outreach Fund as of March 31 of our Memorial Funds. According to the Policy of the church, this amount is to be distributed by June 30 of each church year. On the basis of this money and the 22½% accumulating in Building Fund giving, the Oureach and Service Committee made the following recommendation which the Board approved:

"That we give $7,000 for Property purchase at Inman Center in San Antonio, Texas of our Division of Homeland Ministries. This purchase coupled with building improvements to follow will enable the center to take advantage of a government grant for enlarged ministry."

"That we give $2,000 for the new Service Center building to be built at Barbee Christian Camp this fall. Anticipated total cost is $16,000 for a building 24' by 64' to provide public restrooms, shower facilities a First Aid Room, storage space, and room for eventual washers and dryers."

These two gifts are from accumulated Capital Outreach money and are unrelated to our Program Support deficit. They will be disbursed late in June for receipt by June 30.

The Board took a tour of the work in progress in the Educational section of the building. Present schedule calls for completion of all work by the end of May.

Announcement was made of the Congregational Pentecost Dinner at 12:15 P.M., Sunday, June 6. New members will be introduced, our younger children will sing, we will hold our annual congregational election. Tickets for the meal go on sale this Sunday, May 16. They may be purchased from one of the following members of the Membership Committee: Mark & Pauline Snyder, Robert Johnson, Tom & Sue Knuckles, Rose Krull, Eileen Klepfer, Barb Hayes, Delmas Young, Homer & Hortense Stevenson or from the church office. Tickets are $1.50 per person but one dinner may be divided between two children at the parent's discretion. A dinner will include two pieces of chicken, potato salad, baked beans, cole slaw, and roll. Families are asked to bring a salad or dessert for a smorgasbord of these items. Drink will be furnished. Ticket deadline is May 30.

The June meeting of the Board will be Tuesday, June 22, at 7:30 P.M.

CALL FOR WORKERS THIS SATURDAY!!

PANELING AND PAINTING HERE - Workers invited at 9:00 A.M. this Saturday to help finish work in our new Library Room, No. 130. We do have some touch up painting to complete some earlier projects if we have some experienced painters.

BARBEE CHRISTIAN CAMP WORK DAY - Meet in our Parking Lot at 8:00 A.M. this Saturday. Bring a sack lunch plus painting gear, buckets for cleaning, hand tools for repairing, or tools for outside work. Much work is needed to be done at Barbee--join with others of the area for this work day. Our College and Career Group is going as a part of the work force.

PAPER DRIVE

Save old phone directories with newspapers. The Chi Rho will have another Paper Drive in June. Dates for Chi Rho Camp Outs:

Fri.-Sun., June 11-13
Fri.-Sun., August 20-22

THANKS TO OUR CYF

They applied $81 left from their San Antonio earnings towards the purchase of new glass communion cups. They also applied $72.50 which was one-half of their car wash earnings for the Building Fund. Thanks to the Youth.

CUC'S CAMPOUT

The CUC Class are planning a camp out May 22=23 at Quabachee Park, Bluffton. Some are going on Friday night. Tents and campers are fine. Cost: $1.25 per car in addition to $2.00 per site. There will be a wiener roast on Saturday night so bring wieners and sticks. If going, call Brians.

SUMMER YOUTH CAMP AND CONFERENCE

Again our Educational Budget includes one-half the fee cost for our youth to participate in Regionally sponsored summer camp and conferences. The full listings and brochures are available at the church office. Camps are for those entering grades five through high school. There is also a Post Hi week in addition to the usual Trail Camp.

REGISTERED TO DATE:

Camp 5-6, Barbee - July 19-24
Eric Jenkins
Conference 11-12, Barbee August 1-7
Chad Cline, Jaynie Jenkins
Music-Drama Conference, Bedford, August 1-13 Carol Cline

ADULT LEADERS ENLISTED TO DATE:

Directors: Miriam Bixenman, Camp 5-6, Barbee - July 19-24
Harold Cline, Conference 9-10, Barbee, August 8-14
Counselors: Camp 5-6, Barbee, July 19-24 - Peg Buskir, Marlene Crouse, Val Williams
August 1-7, Conference 11-12, Barbee - Connie Wells
Conference 9-10, Barbee, August 8-14 - Steve Doles

CHURCH SERVES OTHERS

Our Men's Chorus, now known as the Super Sacred Sound Society of '76 will sing for the Methodist Church in Roanoke this Sunday but will return for the anthem in our worship at 10:45.

Peg Buskirk, Miriam Bixenman, Ruby & Chad Cline, Sharon Pauley, Val Taylor, Janet Weicker, Dean & Elsie Widler, Nancy Wortley are serving on the Lay Witness Team this weekend at Faith Baptist Church. Pray for these and the other members of the congregation.

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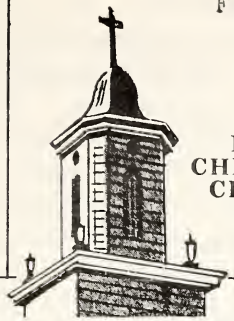

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CHURCH CALENDAR

RIDAY-SATURDAY
Youth to Barbee for Clean-Up

ATURDAY-SUNDAY
CUC Class Camp Out

ATURDAY, MAY 22
:30 P.M. College & Career, here

UNDAY, MAY 23
:15 A.M. Meditative Worship
:30 A.M. Church School
0:45 A.M. Divine Worship
:00 P.M. Chi Rho to Fox Island, weather permitting. Will be back at 5:30 P.M.
:30 P.M. Bell Choir
:15 P.M. Sunday evening group
:30 P.M. CYF
:00 P.M. Celebration Worship

UESDAY, MAY 25
:30 A.M. Alienation Class
2:00 Noon DMA Potluck and Program
:30 P.M. Evangelism Committee

HURSDAY, MAY 27
:30 A.M. Serendipity Group
:00 P.M. Understanding the NT
:30 P.M. Chancel Choir

ANTRY NEEDS:
canned vegetables & fruit
peanut butter

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH
Fort Wayne, Indiana

and

CENTRAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH
Dallas, Texas

invite you to share in a

SERVICE OF ORDINATION

for

Edwin Russell Allen, Jr.

on

Sunday, May twenty-third, 1976
at 10:45 in the morning

This Act of Celebration of Ministry
will be held in

The Sanctuary
Central Christian Church
4711 Westside Drive
Dallas, Texas

Reception follows in Fellowship Hall

SERVING MAY 23

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Cecil Rice and Ralph Church

10:45 A.M. Harold Crowder and Robert Rayl

DEACONS

8:15 A.M. R. Baugher, D. Keebortz, B. Lehman, M. Lehman

10:45 A.M. T. Frappier, S. Rayl, J. Taylor, M. Crouse, D. Short, R. Johnson, S. Schell, E. Nordblom

USHERS

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, D. Smith, B. Lehman

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, H. Stevenson, R. Chevalier, M. Byers

GREETERS

8:15 A.M. D. Keebortz-SE, C. Lee-SW

10:45 A.M. K. Banet-SE, E. Nordblom-SW, A. Dare-NE, D. Merriman-NW

ACOLYTES

8:15 A.M. S. Keebortz

10:45 A.M. M. Pauley, M. Reeves

COMMUNION PREPARATION

N. Andrew and K. Banet

NURSERY WORKERS

8:15 A.M. S. Smith

10:45 A.M. R. Krull, N. Lucas, K. Johnson

IN HOSPITALS

Lutheran: 788 Mrs. Deann Halbrook

Parkview: 532 Mr. Clarence Hetrick

PROFILE FOR 5/16/76

WORSHIP	303
CHURCH SCHOOL	121
PROGRAM SUPPORT	$1584.60
BUILDING FUND	213.50

CONGRATULATIONS ON BIRTH

To Mel and Barbara Busse, a son, Matthew Edward on May 14, 1976.

RESPONSE TO INVITATION

JOHN N. BECKSTEIN, JR., 437 E. Washington, Huntington, IN, 46750, identified with us in a transfer of membership and baptism last Sunday. John has been attending since his marriage to Carolyn two years ago. Carolyn and children belong here. John is involved in a family owned grocery in Huntington. He comes to us from St. Peter's United Church of Christ in Huntington.

SUMMER INTERN BEGINS TODAY

Steve Doles begins his second summer in our Intern Program. We welcome his additional leadership and help. He will be leading and preaching during the Sunday morning worship hours this week. In special five-minute presentations, Bruce Lehman will share at 8:15 and Margaret Love at 10:45.

THANK YOUS

The family of Lela R. Vesey wishes to express deep appreciation for your kind expression of sympathy.

Harriet Sears also sent a word of thanks to all who remembered her father, LeRoy Timbrook with cards and notes for the past year. She also appreciated the flowers at the time of her father's funeral.

"We wish to thank all those people who helped us through a time of great distress. Your prayers, thoughts, and expressions of concern for Aaron were all greatly appreciated."

Bernie, Pat, & Jeanie Norman

May 8, 1976

To the Congregation
First Christian Church

Along with this invitation (see page 1, column 1) to my Ordination, come many thanks for your support and encouragement as I have pursued the academic preparation for the ministry. This has come from the congregation of First Christian Church and from Dr. Cline.

I am really grateful for the leadership and guidance Dr. Cline has given me while I have been anticipating this event. He has also made the congregation of First Christian Church more aware of ministry and better prepared to support it and the preparation which it involves.

I wish you could all be here to share in the service, but I realize that, due to distance and expense, it is not possible. You are all very much involved in my ministry and will always be the church I call home, and claim as responsible for my decision to be in the ministry.

Dr. Cline will be leading a large part of this service on May 23. Since he has been influencial in the direction I am going and is the Senior Minister of my home church, I have asked him to handle the Ordination Vow and Charge to my future. He will also be presenting me for Ordination.

I will appreciate your prayers and thoughts on May 23, 1976. Thank you again.

Grace! Peace! Joy!

Ed Allen, Jr.

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GREETINGS IN THE LORD!

Many wonderful things have been happening in our fellowship in recent weeks. I regret that I along with the Allen and Ogle families will be the only ones sharing directly in an event of meaning for us. I consider it a privilege to be sharing in behalf of First Christian in the ordination of Ed Allen, Jr. May I request your prayers for this special event of our church furnishing another "Timothy" for the larger ministry of the church.

I rejoice in the enthusiasm and life which Steve Doles brings among us this week. Give him a strong hearing this Sunday as he brings the sermon and leads in worship. Plan to worship on Pentecost Sunday-our Bell Choir is playing, we will recognize seniors, we celebrate the birthday of the church, and we have our annual congregational dinner. Every Sunday is rich with opportunity!

Harold E. Cline

UNSUNG WORKER

Did you know that Peggy Buskirk, since early September, has been our regular teacher in the 2-3 year old Nursery during the Divine Worship Service, 10:45-12:00 each Sunday? This is truly a labor of love and these young children have really blossomed now that they have the same adult with them each Sunday. Young children need the security of a familiar face. Peggy, who does this in addition to teaching the 5th and 6th grade church school class, has asked to be relieved of the responsibility for this second hour Nursery during the summer months, beginning June 13-through September 12. A replacement is needed who will serve regularly during this time. Naturally, we know that there will be substitutions on occasion, but this can be provided. Anyone willing to serve in this way, please contact Miriam Bixenman.

CALL FOR SESSION 76

Registration for this Men's Event at Purdue from June 18-22 has been extended to May 21. Contact Dr. Cline immediately if you can join the six already slated to attend from First Christian.

PENTECOST CONGREGATIONAL DINNER

Plan now for Sunday Dinner at the church on June 6, at 12:15 P. M. Secure tickets at $1.50 from the Church Office or from members of the Membership Committee. This is for a basic chicken dinner per person. We will have a salad and dessert smorgasbord.

NEW SUMMER OPPORTUNITY

Steve Doles will be working as a counselor for a Work Camp at Hazel Green, a Homeland Mission Center in Eastern Kentucky, June 13-19. We desire to have three of our high school youth to join him. Sign up through the church office. Cost is $5.00.

NELSON GROUP GARAGE SALE

The Nelson CWF Group is sponsoring a garage sale, Thurs-Sat. June 3,4, & 5, in the Nordbloom's Garage, 5319 Fairfield. The sale benefits the total CWF. Donation of salable items, time to help in selling, or coming as a customer will be appreciated. Starts of sour dough, complete with recipes will be a sale item--cost $1.00 a start. If interested in this -- contact Miriam Bixenman, Peggy Buskirk, or Margaret Love.

D.M.A. ON TUESDAY

Our DMA for retirees, widows, widowers will have a potluck next Tuesday at 12:00 noon followed by a Slide Presentation from a European trip by Fred & Rychie Smell. Hosting are Amelia Dare, Laura Marks, and Dorothy Merriman. Bring table service and a covered dish and come.

AN INVITATION

The congregation is invited to the 50th Wedding Anniversery Open House for Glenn and Lola Miller on Sunday, May 30 from 2:00 to 5:00 P.M., 6724 Covington Creek Trail.

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CHURCH CALENDAR

SATURDAY, MAY 29
:30 P.M. College & Career

SUNDAY, MAY 30
:15 A.M. Meditative Worship
:30 A.M. Church School
0:45 A.M. Divine Worship
:15 P.M. Bell Choir
:15 P.M. Sunday evening group
:30 P.M. Youth Groups
:00 P.M. Celebration Worship

MONDAY, MAY 31
Church Office Closed

TUESDAY, JUNE 1
:30 A.M. Alienation Class
0:30 A.M. Kepple Group Potluck
uth Ogles, 3322 Rosewood
:00 P.M. Mon. morning study

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 2
1:00 A.M. Spice Group, Mildred
ogg, 1408 Three Rivers East
:15 P.M. Higdon Group, Sadie
attas, 203 W. Pettit

THURSDAY, JUNE 3
:30 A.M. Serendipity Group
:00 P.M. Understanding the NT
:30 P.M. Chancel Choir

THURSDAY, FRIDAY, SATURDAY
elson Group Garage Sale
5319 Fairfield

PANTRY NEEDS: SOUPS, CRACKERS
PEANUT BUTTER, BABY FOOD

CELEBRATION WORSHIP TO 8:00 P.M.

Our Celebration Worship makes its semi-annual time change to 8:00 P.M. this Sunday, May 30. It holds to this later time throughout the summer months from Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day weekend. This later hour makes it more possible for persons out of the community on the weekend to have a worship and communion experience within our church family. Dress for our Celebration Worship is informal and all are invited to meet in our parlor each Sunday at 8:00 P.M.

SERMON -- "I CHOSE YOU"

Study John 18:9-17 against the backdrop of Acts 10:34-48 and I John 4:1-11. Ponder how Jesus has chosen us. What does this mean for my life? What is the impact of being a chosen person in Jesus Christ? Hear the sermon this Sunday by Dr. Cline on the theme, "I CHOSE YOU."

PENTECOST IS JUNE 6

The birthday of the Church is the highlight of this most important day in the church calendar. Pentecost takes the Christmas and Easter story personalizes it in a living relationship in Jesus Christ enabled by the Holy Spirit. Study, Worship and join our Birthday Dinner Celebration on the 6th of June.

SERVING MAY 30

Elders

8:15 A.M. Mark Snyder and Charles Ludwig

10:45 A.M. Jack Weicker and James Ruble

Deacons

8:15 A.M. E. Place, K. Place, M.L. Hartzler, C. Church

10:45 A.M. R. Baugher, H. Stevenson, E. Conrad, J. Wiley, S. Knuckles, K. Taylor, M. Finkhousen, S. Hayes

Ushers

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, D. Smith, J. Stucky

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, R. Chevalier, H. Stevenson, M. Finkhousen

Greeters

8:15 A.M. M.L. Hartzler-SW, E. Place-SE

10:45 A.M. M. Cook-SW, G. Moore-SE, E. Conrad-NW, S. Knuckles-NW

Acolytes

8:15 A.M. B. Grimm & S. Keebortz

10:45 A.M. C. Fountain & R. Baugher

Homebound Communion

S. Harter, K. Taylor, S. Hayes

Communion Preparation

N. Andrew and K. Banet

Nursery Workers

8:15 A.M. S. Cotton

10:45 A.M. L. Wiley, B. Hudlow, M. Baugher

Coffee Hour Hosts

Bill and Hazel Crouse

IN HOSPITALS

Lutheran: 444 Heath Hudlow
773 Mr. Virgil Montgomery

PROFILE FOR MAY 23, 1976

Worship	285
Church School	144
Program Support	$1124.00
Building Fund	197.00

INVITATION TO FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH FAMILY. . . . . .

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Edward Weicker
request the honor of your presence
at the marriage of their daughter
Emily Jo
to

Captain Thomas Allen Walton
on Saturday, the fifth of June
nineteen hundred and seventy six
at two thirty in the afternoon
First Christian Church
4800 South Calhoun Street
Fort Wayne, Indiana
and afterward
in the Church Fellowship Hall

COLLEGE AND CAREER

College & Career will meet in the Church Parking Lot this Saturday, May 29, at 5:30 and from here we'll go to Franke Park. Eat an early dinner and then come join us for an evening of softball, frisbee, singing and simply having good fun. Bring your softball equipment and frisbees. Cookies, drinks and snack food will be provided. There will be a slight donation. We'll see you there!

SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED. . .

To Melvin Williamson in the death of his wife, Ruth, last week. This couple identified with our congregation in June, 1955 and still hold membership.

To Leslie Futterer in the death of his brother last week. Rev. Don McCord had graveside services Saturday in the absence of Dr. Cline.

ATTEND CONGREGATIONAL DINNER!

Plan to join fellow Christians on Sunday June 6 for our Pentecost all-Church dinner to be served at 12:15. Cost-$1.50. Secure tickets.

CELEBRATE WITH PENTECOST BIRTHDAY DINNER

Join us on Sunday, June 6 at 12:15 for a congregational dinner. There will be singing by pre-school children, fellowship singing, recognition of our graduating seniors, annual congregational election, and introduction of new members. Tickets for the chicken dinner box is $1.50 per person. Bring a salad or dessert for the smorgasbord of these foods. Drinks will be furnished. Buy tickets Sunday or at church office or call church office to reserve tickets. Join in the Birthday celebration of our Church Family!

In order to plan and prepare for the election, notice the following slate which the Lay Personnel Committee is bringing to this meeting for election. Every nominee needs to be present for this election. Every member needs to be present to help make the votes. Several of the elections are competitive. We consider it an honor to be nominated and more democratic and free for the balloting to determine board representatives, Regional Assembly delegates, and members of the Lay Personnel Committee. Study these nominees!

COMPETITIVE ELECTION FOR REPRESENTATIVES TO BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Two only can be elected from each grouping.

REPRESENTATIVES TO BOARD FROM BOARD OF ELDERS: Steve Harter, Rolland Ripple, Robert Rayl, Margaret Love

REPRESENTATIVES TO BOARD FROM DIACONATE: (Men) Kenneth Place, George Davis, Don Short, Tom Frappier

REPRESENTATIVES TO BOARD FROM DIACONATE: (Women) Delores Keebortz Mildred Hartman, Rosemary Krull, Carole Lee

REPRESENTITIVES TO BOARD FROM CONGREGATION-AT-LARGE: Colyn Crowder, Rosalie Jenkins, Nila Schilling, Steve Hall

LAY PERSONNEL COMMITTEE: Bob Hendricks, Nancy Wortley, Judy Church, Andrea Benny

REPRESENTATIVE TO REGIONAL ASSEMBLY (elect 5, one must be under 21): Elsie Widler, Dean Widler, George Bruckman, Diana Wortley (under 21), Chad Cline (under 21), Mildred Hartman, Mildred Hutchinson

NOMINATIONS FROM THE COMMITTEE FOR NON-COMPETITIVE ELECTION UNLESS NOMINATIONS FROM THE FLOOR WOULD MAKE COMPETITIVE:

Officers of Board and Congregation (2 year terms) Moderator: Jack Weiker, Vice Moderator: William Love

Committee Chair Persons (2 year terms) Lay Personnel: George Bruckman, Christian Education: Jerry Zimmerman, Outreach and Service: Connie Wells, Evangelism: Joe Wiley, Board of Diaconate: Co-Chairpersons: Russell Wortley and Delores Keebortz

Elders: (for 5 year terms): Rolland Ripple, Bert Leversee, Ross Harter, Robert Johnson, to fill an unexpired term until 1979: Fred Smell

Diaconate: (for 5 year terms) Mildred Hartman, Beverly Hendricks, Carol Cline, Clarence Hetrick, Ennis Brown, George Davis, Bob Pauley, Doug Allen.

NEW CREATION CHOIR AT
WEST CREIGHTON CHRISTIAN

The New Creation Youth Choir of Edmond, Oklahoma will be singing at West Creighton Christian Church on Tuesday evening, June 1. The 72 member group is on a 13 day tour that has taken them to Washington D.C., New York and Tronto before arriving here.

The Choir is sponsored by First Christian and Southern Hills Christian in Edmond Oklahoma. The members represent 8 different brotherhoods and range in age from eighth grade through college.

The New Creation performs a wide variety of music and will present the sacred, dramatic musical, "Celebrate Life". Narrators and choir members tell the story of Jesus' birth, teachings, death and resurrection in this joyful celebration of the Good News.

The concert will begin at 7:30 P.M. There will be a free-will offering. All are invited!

HELP FINANCIAL RECORDER

Please mark your envelopes with the amount designated for Program Support, Building Fund, or other special cause. If there is no marking, it automatically is counted as Program Support. If you send in only a check, similarly mark it if you desire it counted toward Building Fund or other special causes.

CHURCH CAMP OUT PLANNING

All those interested in church camp outs this summer are asked to meet in the Parlor Monday, June 7, at 7:30 P.M. Groups interested in camp outs are also asked to send a representative to this meeting.

PERSONAL NOTES:

Mrs. Sarah Ella Wass, the mother of Mrs. Dorothy Schmidt a regular member attending our worship at 8:15, celebrated her 101 birthday last Sunday in Dorothy's home. Congratulations!

Robbie Pauley has been chosen for a visit to Korea to represent the agency which handled his adoption. He leaves late in June.

Ross and Emmalou Nierman, formerly of our congregation flew to Dallas last Sunday to attend the Ordination Service for Ed Allen. They were CYF counselors here when Ed participated in that phase of our church life.

Mrs. Miriam Bixenman flies today to Houston, Texas, to visit her son and his wife for a week of vacation.

THE MISSION AND MINISTRY OF THE CHURCH DEPENDS ON EACH ONE OF US --
PARTICIPATE IN PERSON AND GIVE OF RESOURCES THIS SUNDAY AND EVERY SUNDAY!

THANK YOU

Thank you all for the privilege of representing First Christian Church and participating in the Ordination of Ed Allen, Jr. last Sunday. He and others there were very grateful for the participation of our congregation in this event. See the Program on the bulletin board opposite the offices. I appreciate the enabling of me by this congregation.

Harold E. Cline

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PENTECOST CELEBRATION

The Birth of the church is the cause for the outstanding day in our life as a community of God. Acts 2 tells the dramatic story of the outpouring of the Holy Spirit and the conversion of 3,000 as the church emerged as a force in the world. Pentecost marks the appropriation of the gift and work of Jesus Christ for each of us in the community of faith. May we sense the mood of the disciples as they awaited Pentecost with prayer and expectations of one accord. Let us translate our appreciation for this day by our worship in the life of the church.

Our CYF Bell Choir will be playing both worship hours this Sunday and the Chancel Choir will sing at 10:45 A.M. Dr. Cline will preach on "OUR UNIQUE WITNESS" based on Acts 2:1-47; Ezekiel 37:1-14 and John 7:37-39a.

PENTECOST CELEBRATION DINNER

A congregational dinner is set for 12:15 A.M. this coming Sunday. Tickets have benn available for $1.50 per person for a chicken dinner. This is being complimented by a smorgasbord of salads and desserts. Call the church office by Friday noon for a reservation if your ticket is not purchased.

Our pre-school children will be singing, our graduating high school seniors recognized, our new members of this church year honored; and we will hold our annual congregational election. Every member needs to help take the decisive votes in this meeting. Every nominee listed last week should be in attendance so all may know for whom they are voting.

Mrs. Elinor Place is baking a special Pentecost Cake which will be served at this dinner. Come and join our Pentecost Birthday Celebration!

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SERVING JUNE 6

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Ben Taylor and Merle Grimm

10:45 A.M. William Love and Robert Hendricks

DEACONS

8:15 A.M. M.L. Hartzler, S. Thompson, R. Baugher, C. Cline

10:45 A.M. R. Johnson, R. Wortley, D. Short, D. Young, S. Schell, R. Krull, S. Rayl, M. Crouse

USHERS

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, D. Smith, R. Baugher

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, R. Chevlier, H. Stevenson, M. Byers

GREETERS

8:15 A.M. C. Lee-SE, M.L. Hartzler-SW

10:45 A.M. S. Schell-SE, R. Krull-SW, P. Buskirk-NE, M. Lehman-NW

ACOLYTES

8:15 A.M. T. Sauerwein

10:45 A.M. N. & A. Frappier

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Carole Lee and Peg Buskirk

NURSERY WORKERS

8:15 A.M. J. Jenkins

10:45 A.M. B. Short, C. Akers, B. Finkhousen

PROGRESSIVE CLASS PICNIC

The Progressive Class will hold a picnic starting at 4:00 P.M. this Saturday, the 5th at Pavilion #1 of Lakeside Park. Bring own table service. Rolls and coffee are provided.

SSSS OF '76 ATTENTION!!!

We will have a rehersal on Thursday, June 10. Please be prompt. This is a very important rehersal for our singing on Sunday, June 13.

TWO RESPOND TO INVITATION

KATHERINE SUZANNE LEE, the daughter of Dick and Judy Lee, 2317 Indian Village Blvd., 09, 747-5523 made her confession of faith and will be baptized at a special service next Sunday. Kathy is completing the nineth grade at Kekionga Junior Hi this week where she recently received the John Phillips Sousa award for outstanding contribution to the band. She is also an avid reader. She has brothers Mark - 11th grade, and Steve in the 8th grade.

SHERYL RENEE MELCHI, 4025 Huth 04, 432-4293 also made her confession of faith and will be baptized during Celebration Worship next Sunday evening. Sherri lives with her grandparents Mr. and Mrs. Charles Coles. She will enter the sixth grade of Aboite Elementary School this fall. She knits and is interested is a wide range of activities. Marge Lehman has had a strong impact on Sherri.

WEDDING BY PASTOR

Richard Gerald Patton, Jr. and Sarah Rebecca Banet on May 29, 1976. They will be residing at 1409 W. Jackson St., Muncie, Indiana, 47302.

CHOIR SUNDAY COMING

The Super Sacred Sound Society of '76 and the Children's Choir and our Chancel Choir will combind for a special worship through music on Sunday, June 13 at 10:45 A.M. This will end the season for choirs until fall.

Steve Doles will be preaching at the 8:15 A.M. hour on June 13.

SUMMER CAMP AND CONFERENCE FOR YOUTH

One of the rich experiences for youth comes with the Regionally sponsor-
d summer camp and conference activities. We place an emphasis upon these
xperiences as a time when "God and a good time" go together. Youth find
elationships with significant adults and also with youth from other con-
egations across Indiana.

Because we believe that it is an investment in Christian education, the
hurch pays one-half of the registration fee. Youth need to turn in the
egistration forms which are available at the church office and one-half of
he fee for the particular week. We complete the processing and confirma-
ion is then made directly from the Regional office with the youth.

Our congregation has provided heavy adult leadership as well as a goodly
umber of youth in recent years. We look forward to another year of st-
ong participation. Registration should be completed as soon as possible.

/ENTS FOR THOSE ENTERING GRADES 5 & 6 THIS FALL

CAMP 5 & 6, Camp Barbee, June 28-July 3 - Mike Armstrong, Director

CAMP 5 & 6, Camp Barbee, July 19-24 - Miriam Bixenman, Director; Counse-
ors include: Peg Buskirk, Marlene Crouse, Val Williams; Registered:
ric Jenkins

HESE CAMPS BEGIN AT 10:00 A.M. ON MONDAY AND END AT 11:00 A.M. ON SATUR-
AY. The total cost is $44.

ENTS FOR THOSE ENTERING GRADES 7 & 8 THIS FALL

CAMP 7 & 8, Camp Barbee, July 12-17

CAMP 7 & 8, Indian Lake, July 19-24, Jim Powell, Director

CAMP 7 & 8, Camp Barbee, July 26-31, Charles Wood, Director

HESE CAMPS BEGIN AT 10:00 A.M. ON MONDAY AND END AT 11:00 A.M. ON SATUR-
AY. The total cost is $44.

ENTS FOR THOSE ENTERING GRADES 9, 10, 11 and 12 THIS FALL

CONFERENCE 9 & 10, Camp Barbee, August 8 - 14, Harold Cline, Director;
ounselors include: Steve Doles.

CONFERENCE 11 & 12, Camp Barbee, August 1-7, Drexel Rankin, Director;
ounselors include: Connie Wells, Registered youth include: Chad Cline,
ynie Jenkins, and Diana Wortley

HESE CAMPS BEGIN AT 4:00 P.M. ON SUNDAY AND END AT 11:00 A.M. ON SATUR-
AY. Total cost is $48.

HAZEL GREEN WORK-STUDY EXPERIENCE at Hazel Green Home Mission in Ken-
cky. Steve Doles is driving and is desirous to have three youth enter-
g grades 10, 11, or 12 this fall. They will leave on Sunday, June 13,
d will return on Saturday, June 20. Cost for the youth is $5 and the
urch will pay the balance.

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SENIOR RECOGNITION

Our graduating high school seniors will be recognized during worship at 10:45 A.M. this Sunday and presented a gift from the congregation. They will also be recognized at the dinner following. Our known graduates this year include:

Rex Clifton - Harding
Jeff Grier - Harding
Tom Meadows - Harding
Kurt Schryver - Wayne
Robbie Pauley - Harding
Bob Smith - Wayne
Denise Weddell - Homestead

We would like to list all college graduates also. Please inform the church office of any known graduates from college or graduate work.

SUMMER CAMP AND CONFERENCE

(from page three)

MUSIC-DRAMA CONFERENCE, Bedford, August 1-13, Karen Warren, Director, One week is spend in residence and 4 days are spent on tour with a developed program for our churches Carol Cline is registered.

EVENTS FOR POST HIGH SINGLES:

YOUNG SINGLES CONFERENCE, Bedford, August 15-21, Morris Finch, Director Total cost is $48.

SMOKIES BACKPACK CONFERENCE in the Smokie Mountains, George Edwards, Director. Drive to Smokies and hike five days and return to Indianapolis Total cost is $48.

PANTRY NEEDS: CANNED FRUIT

SOUPS, CEREALS

CHURCH CALENDAR

SATURDAY, JUNE 5

2:30 P.M. Weicker-Walton Wedding
4:00 P.M. Progressive Class
5:30 P.M. College & Career
8:00 P.M. Faith at Work

SUNDAY, JUNE 6

8:15 A.M. Meditative Worship
9:30 A.M. Church School
10:45 A.M. Divine Worship
12:15 P.M. Pentecost Dinner
6:15 P.M. Sunday Evening Group
6:30 P.M. CYF
8:00 P.M. Celebration Worship

MONDAY, JUNE 7

6:30 P.M. Brummel Group
7:30 P.M. Meeting of those interested in all-church camp-outs

TUESDAY, JUNE 8

9:30 A.M. Alienation Class

THURSDAY, JUNE 10

9:30 A.M. Serendipity Group
9:30 A.M. Rivera Group
6:30 P.M. SSSS of '76
7:00 P.M. Understanding the NT
7:30 P.M. Chancel Choir

COLLEGE AND CAREER

College & Career members who do not wish to attend Faith at Work Saturday night will meet at the church at 5:30 P.M. From there we will go to play softball, so bring bats, mitts, and softballs. Last Saturday's softball game turned out real well. We hope you'll join us to make this one an equal sucess. See you there!

SUMMER INTERN SERVING OTHERS

Steve Doles will be leading music for the Illinois Faith at Work Conference this weekend. He expects to be back for Celebration Worship Sunday evening.

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CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, JUNE 13

:15 A.M. Meditative Worship
:30 A.M. Church School
0:45 A.M. Divine Worship
:15 P.M. Sunday evening group
:00 P.M. Celebration Worship

MONDAY, JUNE 14

2:30 P.M. Gamboe Group, Amelia Dare, 4527 Lafayette Esp.
:15 P.M. Guild, Mildred Hutchinson, 422 W. Oakdale
:30 P.M. CYF at the church

TUESDAY, JUNE 15

:30 A.M. Alienation Class
:00 P.M. Evangelism Committee

FRIDAY, JUNE 18

Session '76 begins at Purdue

PANTRY NEEDS: CEREALS, NOODLES

TUNA

WORSHIP THROUGH MUSIC

Our Chancel Choir, our Super Sacred Sound Society of '76, and our Children's Choir are combinine to lead us in worship through music next Sunday at 10:45 A.M. We rejoice in the expression and inspiration of music! We delight in the dedication and expression of these our singers! We invite all to participate in this special worship.

Sharing in leadership roles for this service also are Barbara Short, Jim Ruble, Steve Doles, and Miriam Bixenman.

We salute our singers for the faithfulness during this past season as well as for their leadership this coming Sunday.

CHANCEL CHOIR: Director - *Sara Davis;* Organist - *Jerry Zimmerman* Choir members: *Becky & Jim Stucky, Armella & Charlie Newman, Andy, Joyce and Clint Crowe, Nancy Wortley, Carol Falbe, Brett Lucas, Pauline Horn, Anita Fitch, Barb and Mel Busse, Jan Loveless, Janet Weicker, Ed Jenkins, Norbert Cluts, Steve Doles, Pat Fountain. Doug Rogers Tana Harter, Joe Wiley, and Sally Cline.*

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SERVING JUNE 13

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. William Franklin and George Bruckman

10:45 A.M. Glenn Miller and William Schilling

DEACONS

8:15 A.M. C. Church, D. Keebortz, K. Place, E. Place

10:45 A.M. S. Knuckles, E. Nordblom, E. Klepfer, E. Conrad, K. Taylor, M. Finkhousen, W. Bowen, T. Frappier

USHERS

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, D. Smith J. Stucky

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, R. Chevalier, H. Stevenson, M. Finkhousen

GREETERS

8:15 A.M. D. Keebortz-SE, E. Place-SW

10:45 A.M. S. Knuckles-SE, E. Nordblom-SW, E. Klepfer-NE, E. Conrad-NW

ACOLYTES

8:15 A.M. B. Grimm

10:45 A.M. L. Sauerwein, S. Melchi

HOMEBOUND COMMUNION

Ben Taylor - Robert Johnson
Jack Weicker - Bruce Lehman

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Carole Lee and Peg Buskirk

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

Andy & Joyce Crowe

IN HOSPITALS

ST. JOSEPH 821 Mr. John Wilhelm

FUNERAL OF MEMBER:

Virgil R. Montgomery on June 3, 1976. Virgil had been a member here for 14 years and had served two terms as a deacon. Sympathy is extended to Bernice and family.

CYF TO ROCHESTER

CYFer's sharing a special weekend with the CYF of First Christian Church in Rochester this weekend include: Carol Cline, Diana Wortley, Jaynie Jenkins, Patty Campbell, and Ann Boyd.

CHI RHO CAMP OUT

Due to calendar conflicts for several members, the Chi Rho Camp-Out for June will be held the week end of June 25 and 26, instead of this week end as scheduled.

MAY AVERAGES

Worship	310
Church School	134
Program Support	$1936.34
Building Fund	$ 963.05

MAY ADDITIONS:

Patty Campbell
Michael Watson
Brett & Nena Lucas
Michael Byers
Thelma Jackson
Charles & Armella Newman
John Beckstein
Kathy Lee
Sherri Melchi

CUSTODIAL HELP RESIGNS

Chad Cline has resigned as weekend custodial assistant as of Sunday. He began two months of summer work in Alabama on Monday.

GLASSES FOUND!

We are using this way of telling all of the church family that Becky Stucky's glasses have been found! Becky and Jim wish to thank everyone for their concern and prayers at this time.

RESULTS OF CONGREGATIONAL ELECTION ON SUNDAY

OFFICERS FOR TWO YEAR TERMS: Jack Weicker, Moderator; William Love, Vice-Moderator

CHAIRMEN/CHAIRWOMEN: (for two year terms) Lay Personnel-George Bruckman, Christian Education-Jerry Zimmerman, Outreach & Service-Connie Wells, Evangelism-Joe Wiley; Board of Diaconate-Russell Wortley, Delores Keebortz

ELDERS FOR FIVE YEAR TERMS: Ross Harter, Robert Johnson, Bert Leversee, Rolland Ripple

ELDER FOR UNEXPIRED THREE YEAR TERM: Fred Smell

DIACONATE: (for five year terms): Doug Allen, Ennis Brown, Carol Cline, George Davis, Mildred Hartman, Beverly Hendricks, Clarence Hetrick, Bob Pauley

REPRESENTATIVES TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR TWO YEAR TERMS: Elders - Steve Harter, Margaret Love; Deacons - George Davis, Tom Frappier; Deaconesses - Mildred Hartman, Delores Keebortz; Congregation-at-large Colyn Crowder, Steve Hall

MEMBERS OF THE LAY PERSONNEL COMMITTEE FOR TWO YEARS: Judy Church and Nancy Wortley

REPRESENTATIVES TO THE REGIONAL ASSEMBLY OF THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH: George Bruckman, Chad Cline, Mildred Hartman, Dean & Elsie Widler. Alternates are: Diana Wortley and Mildred Hutchinson.

THESE LEADERS AND THOSE CONTINUING IN OUR NEW CHURCH YEAR WILL BE ORDAINED OR INSTALLED AT THE BEGINNING OF WORSHIP ON SUNDAY, JUNE 27 AT 10:45 A.M. WE ASK FOR ALL TO MAKE A SPECIAL EFFORT TO BE PRESENT ON THAT DAY.

We want to give a salute to the following persons. There are persons who were nominated for various offices, but who were not elected in our competitive ballot. We thank them for their willingness to serve and their help in making an open and democratic election. We congratulate them on their ability and look forward to other elections and service opportunities. These include: Robert Rayl, Rolland Ripple, Kenneth Place, Don Short, Rosemary Krull, Carole Lee, Rosalie Jenkins, Lila Schilling, Andrea Benny, and Bob Hendricks.

SUMMER WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

We are inviting all to bring Sunday Worship bulletins to the church. Please sign your name on the front cover and bring them to the church office or place them in the box of Dr. Cline just outside the office. We desire to post these on a bulletin board which gives evidence of the different worship experiences of our people during the summer months.

WORSHIP THROUGH MUSIC (from page 1)

SUPER SACRED SOUND SOCIETY OF '76: Director-*Mel Busse*, Accompanist-*Jerry Zimmerman*, Group Members: *Doug Rogers, Jack Bickel, Ed Jenkins, Brett Lucas, Vincent Wells, Charlie Newman, Jim Stucky, Norbert Cluts, Glen Beckmeyer, Harold Crowder, Bernie Norman, Andy Crowe, Clint Crowe, Don Parlette, Joe Wiley, Ed Allen, Sr.*

CHILDREN'S CHOIR: Director-*Susan Jones*, Accompanist-*Jerry Zimmerman*, Choir Members: *Dawn Ketner, Eric Zimmerman, Brian Taulbert Lisa Babbs, Larry Taylor, Todd McLean, Heather McLean, Sharon Knuckles, Tim Knuckles, Janice Benny, Kristin Byers, Shannon Jones.*

STEVE DOLES PREACHING

Steve Doles will be preaching and leading the Meditative Worship at 8:15 A.M. this Sunday. His sermon is "God, Our Daddy".

DR. CLINE TO SEVERAL MEETINGS

Since Monday evening, he has been participating in the Midwest Evangelism Seminar in Midwest City, Oklahoma. The program is being underwritten by the congregation there for some 300 pastors. The program includes Dr. William Baird of Brite Seminary at TCU; Dr. Fred Craddock of Phillips Seminary, Dr. Lloyd Ogilvie of First Presbyterian Church, Hollywood, and Rev. Floyd Diehm, the host pastor.

On Friday afternoon he flies to Chicago for meetings of the Administrative Committee and General Board of the Christian Church. These meetings terminate Dr. Cline's term of office on both groups. The General Board ends on Tuesday.

CHURCH SCHOOL PENTECOST OFFERING

Through an oversight, the materials for the special Pentecost Offering were not distributed in our Church School classes in time for the special birthday offering to be received last Sunday. Therefore, the entire Church School offering this Sunday will go toward this offering. Pentecost is a time of caring and sharing. Will you help the Christian Churches keep up this evangelistic missionary thrust through this special offering this Sunday? Any money received last Sunday through the special envelopes will also go toward the special offering. These may still be turned in this week.

COLLEGE AND CAREER

The College & Career group will be meeting this FRIDAY at 6:15 P.M. at the church. From here we will be going to Indian Village to play volleyball. C&C is for any young person who is out of High School, there's no upper age limit. We've been having a good time and invite you to come.

WEDDING BY PASTOR

Thomas A. Walton and Emily Jo Weicker on June 5, 1976. They are residing at 7430 Beaty, 09, 747-7219. We thank them for the beautiful flowers which they left for Pentecost Worship.

SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED

To Mark Krull and family in the death of his father, Herbert, last Wednesday evening.

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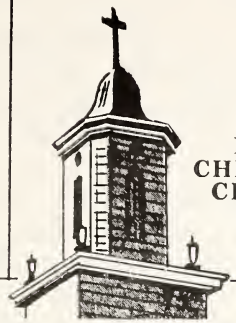

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CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, JUNE 20
8:15 A.M. Meditative Worship
9:30 A.M. Church School
10:45 A.M. Divine Worship
6:15 P.M. Sunday Evening Group
8:00 P.M. Celebration Worship
MONDAY, JUNE 21
5:30 P.M. CYF
7:30 P.M. CWF Installation
TUESDAY, JUNE 22
12:00 Noon DMA Potluck
7:30 P.M. Board of Trustees
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 23
5:30 P.M. Nelson Group Dinner Out
THURSDAY, JUNE 24
9:00 A.M. Summer Children's Program trip to Allen Dairy
FRIDAY, JUNE 25
Chi Rho Camp Out Begins

PANTRY NEEDS: CANNED FRUIT
CRACKERS
SUGAR

WHAT DO WE DO NOW, LORD?

This is the theme for both the 8:15 and 10:45 Worship services this Sunday. We will be looking at the church following Pentecost, with a number of our own people sharing in the celebration of our mission in the world and at home. Scriptures to be used in the services are: Matthew 28:19-20; Acts 3:1-8; and II Corinthians 4:5-11. We are asking that you read and meditate upon them during the week in preparation for Sunday. Jan Loveless will be the soloist for both services. Participants at 8:15 will include Betty Grimm, Judy Church, Jack Weicker, Mildred Hartman, Robert Ogles, Mark Akers, Sally Cline and Jim Taylor. At the 10:45 Worship hour those participating include Patrice Stucker, Bruce Lehman, Diana Wortley, Margaret Love, Andrea Benny, Mike and Sue Watson, Rolland Ripple, and Val Williams. Both Steve Doles and Miriam Bixenman will be sharing in each of the services. The 5th & 6th and 7th and 8th grade classes will also be participants in each service.

SERVING JUNE 20

Elders

8:15 A.M. Steve Harter and Robert Rayl

10:45 A.M. Robert Hendricks and

Deacons

8:15 A.M. S. Thompson, B. Lehman, M. Lehman, J. Taylor

10:45 A.M. H. Stevenson, D. Young, R. Baugher, J. Wiley, S. Rayl, R. Johnson, R. Krull, S. Schell

Ushers

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, D. Smith, B. Lehman

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, R. Chevalier, H. Stevenson, S. Rayl

Greeters

8:15 A.M. M. Lehman-SE, S. Thompson-SW

10:45 A.M. R. Krull-SE, S. Schell-SW, M. Cook-NE, K. Banet-NW

Acolytes

8:15 A.M. R. Baugher

10:45 A.M. N. & A. Frappier

Communion Preparation

Carole Lee & Peg Buskirk

Nursery Workers

8:15 A.M. N. Schilling

10:45 A.M. J. Kelly, S. Fleck, C. Cline

Coffee Hour Hosts

The Ralph Church Family

IN HOSPITALS

ST. JOSEPH: 513 Mrs. Florence Griffith

LUTHERAN: 789 Mrs. Mildred Young

MILWAUKEE GENERAL HOSPITAL (Milwaukee, Wisconsin)

715 Mr. Albert Powell (He is being treated for a complicated ulcer problem and may have surgery.)

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

The June meeting will be on Tuesday, June 22 in the Conference Room 120. All current members are encouraged to participate. This will be the last meeting of the present group.

CHURCH YEAR GIVING TO END

Our Program support for the current church year ends on June 30. We hope that all will try to update commitments. We are also anxious for any special gifts to insure that our operating fund ends the fiscal year in the black. We need all possible giving by June 30.

DIRECTOR OF NURSERY SCHOOL

Karen Flickinger is directing the Nursery School at Lincolnshire Church of the Brethren starting this fall. She would welcome inquiries about 3 & 4 year olds. Call her at 747-6832.

THANK YOU NOTES:

The family of Virgil Montgomery wishes to thank members and friends at First Christian Church for their prayers, visits, calls and other kindnesses druing Virgil's illness and our bereavement.

Bernice & family

Thanks to all our Christian friends for the gifts, cards, and well wishes on our Golden Wedding Anniversery.

Glenn & Lola Miller

CWF OFFICERS TO BE INSTALLED ON MONDAY, JUNE 21
7:30 P.M. IN THE CHURCH PARLOR

In a special service of worship and dedication, the new CWF officers or the coming year will be installed. The installation will be Monday, une 21 at 7:30 P.M. in the Parlor. (All new officers are asked to be resent at 7:00 P.M. for instructions.) The installation is not only a ime for setting apart those who have specific officies and responsibilties, but a time of dedication for all members of CWF to continued growh as persons, church women, and members of general and group CWF. The nstallation will end with a communion service served by the incoming oficers symbolizing our commitment to each other and our joint responsibilty for CWF in the coming year. Barbara Short will be the installing oficer and Sara Davis will provide special music.

Those officers to be installed are:

Co-Presidents: *Andrea Benny*
(to be named)
1st Vice President: *Ruby Mowery*
2nd Vice President: *Linda Wiley*
Recording Secretary: *Ramona Ketner*
Corresponding Secretary: *Marilyn Byers*
Treasurer: *Janet Weicker*
Study Chairwoman: *Barbara Short*
Worship Chairwoman:
Service Chairwoman: *Connie Wells*

GROUP LEADERS

:ummel: *Val Taylor*
amboe: *Amelia Dare*
iild: *Mildred Hartman*
lgdon: *Irene Cline*
Kepple: *Ethel Flowers*
Nelson: *Edna Nordblom*
Rivera *Barb Hayes & Sara Davis*
Spice: *Genevieve Ripple*

SUMMER CHILDREN'S PROGRAM TO BEGIN

ur summer program for children 3 years old (before October 1) through :h grade will begin on Thursday, June 24. Sessions this year will all e on Thursday mornings. Theme for the summer series will be "God, ie Creater." On June 24, children are asked to meet on the church parkig lot at 9:00 to go to Allen Dairy, where they will see how milk is rocessed and used as milk and in other products, as God plans for us have food. We will return to the church by 11:30. July 1 and 8, we ll be using the "open classroom" concept for Vacation Church School essions. On July 1, the study will center on God as creater of the

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SUMMER CHILDREN'S PROGRAM (from page three)

world, with July 8 using the theme of "God Created Me, I Am Different". On July 15, we will see the movie, "The Shaggy Dog", with Vacation Church School Sessions on July 22 and July 29. August 5 will be a "Craft and Story Day" at the church. The final day, August 12, will be a trip to Franke Park Zoo and the new African Veldt. All sessions will be on a 9:30 to 11:30 schedule except the trips away, which will begin at 9:00 A.M.

BOY SCOUTS SPONSOR CAR WASH

This Saturday, June 19, our Boy Scout Troop is sponsoring a car wash on our parking lot. Your patronage will be appreciated anytime from 9:00 - 3:00 P.M. Doug Rogers is scout master.

ALL CHURCH CAMP OUT DATES

These dates have been set for our all-church camp outs this summer:

July 9, 10, 11 - Salamonie
July 30, 31, Aug. 1 - Chain - O-Lakes
Aug. 20, 21, 22 - Quabachee Camp in Bluffton

THANK YOU LADIES!

Many thanks to all who participated in the recent CWF evaluation. Thank you to those who called by telephone and in the homes and thank you to those who responded. We appreciate your time, your interest and your cooperation. If there is anyone who did not have an opportunity to fill out a questionarie, please contact the church office or Judy Church. The evaluation committee will be making a careful study of the results and reporting next fall.

DMA TO MEET JUNE 22

Our DMA Group will have a potluck luncheon in Fellowship Hall on Tuesday, June 22 at 12:00 noon. The luncheon will be followed by table games. Members are asked to bring favorite games for sharing. Others will be provided here. Henry and Ethel Flowers and Bernice Montgomery will be hosts for the meeting.

ADDITIONAL YOUTH TO CAMP AND CONFERENCE

The following are additional youth who have signed up for summer Camp and Conference:

HAZEL GREEN WORK CAMP with Steve Doles, June 13-19: Melanie Baugher, Cory Church and Ken Taylor.
CONFERENCE 9-10, Barbee - August 8-14: Anne Lee, Kathy Lee, Michael Campbell
CONFERENCE 11-12, Barbee - Aug. 1-7: Patty Campbell

REGISTER NOW FOR CAMP!!!

PLAN NOW CHOIR ICE CREAM SOCIAL

The Choir is sponsoring an ice cream social (HOMEMADE) from 6:00-7:30 on July 3 preceeding the CYF Square Dance. Donations will benefit the Choir Room Remodeling Project.

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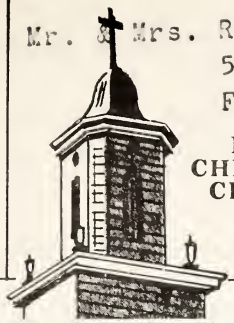

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CHURCH CALENDAR

RIDAY, JUNE 25
:00 P.M. Chi Rho meet on parking lot to leave for camp out at Pokagan Park
:00 P.M. College & Career meet for camp out
UNDAY, JUNE 27
:15 A.M. Meditative Worship
:30 A.M. Church School
0:45 A.M. Divine Worship
:00 P.M. Bicentennial Observance of Fort Wayne Religious Heritage in Freiman Square (in case of rain - Central High School gym)
UESDAY, JUNE 29
:30 P.M. Tuesday night group
HURSDAY, JULY 1
:30 A.M. Vacation Church School

ANTRY NEEDS

CANNED FRUIT
CEREALS
MACRONI & NOODLES

SUNDAY MORNING SERMON

Dr. Cline will be preaching on the theme, "ADAM, WHERE ART THOU?" based on Genesis 3:9-15; II Corinthians 4:13-5:1, and Mark 3:20-35 at 8:15 and 10:45. He will also share some concerns out of his recent involvement in the Evangelism Seminar, General Board of the Church and Sessions '76.

CLOSE OF CHURCH YEAR GIVING

Although our church year giving will be at an all-time high when we add all together, our basic Program Support or Budget Giving is desparately in need. Our operating account was $2,083.70 in the red at the end of May. We need all possible gifts as well as the completetion of all commitments made for this church year. Bring a generous gift Sunday!

INSTALLATION OF LEADERSHIP

The opening minutes of our 10:45 Worship Hour will include a service of installation for our church leadership. This is an important occasion and all listed below are asked to meet in Fellowship Hall at 10:35 A.M. for the Processional. If any have attended at 8:15, they will be free at about 11:00 to leave during the second

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SERVING JUNE 27

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Jack Weicker and Harold Crowder

10:45 A.M. Cecil Rice and Mark Snyder

DEACONS

8:15 A.M. K. Place, E. Place, R. Baugher, D. Keebortz

10:45 A.M. D. Short, H. Stevenson, R. Wortley, K. Taylor, J. Wiley, S. Hayes, E. Klepfer, M. Lehman

USHERS

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, D. Smith, R. Baugher

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, R. Chevalier, H. Stevenson, M. Byers

GREETERS

8:15 A.M. D. Keebortz-SE, E. Place-SW

10:45 A.M. M. Cook-SE, K. Banet-SW, E. Klepfer-NE, M. Lahman-NW

HOMEBOUND COMMUNION

William Schilling - Walter Bowen
Robert Hendricks - Delmas Young

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Mary Cook and Schellie Schell

NURSERY WORKERS

8:15 A.M. B. Schilling

10:45 A.M. C. Busse, B. Hayes, D. Wortley

IN HOSPITALS

ST. JOSEPH: 805 Mrs. Hildred Favory
513 Mrs. Florence Griffith
LUTHERAN: 789 Mrs. Mildred Young
MILWAUKEE GENERAL HOSPITAL:
715 Mr. Al Powell

ATTENTION NURSERY PARENTS:

Please put names on diaper bags and leave written instructions about feeding and other special requests. We have so many babies now and this would help the nursery workers. Thank you!

ALL ARE INVITED ON JULY 3

BICENTENNIAL ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Our Chancel Choir is sponsoring a homemade icecream social on Saturday, July 3 from 6:00 to 7:30 P.M. Come and bring friends. Cost is on a donation basis.

BICENTENNIAL SQUARE DANCE

Our CYF is sponsoring for all a square dance which will be called by Carl & Dorothy Brandt from 7:00 to 10:00 P.M. on Saturday night, July 3. Come--join in!

SESSIONS '76

Ross Harter, Steve Harter, Vincent Wells, Dean Widler, Joe Wiley, and Harold Cline were in Lafayette with 1600 other Disciple men for this first gathering of its kind Inspiration, Discovery Workshops, Speakers, were shared from Friday ngith through Tuesday noon, the 18th to 22nd. Dr. Cline led 6 sessions of a workshop.

COLLEGE & CAREER TO GO CAMPING

College & Career will be camping this weekend at Pokagan from Friday evening until Sunday afternoon. We will meet at the church Friday at 6:00 P.M., so eat an early supper! Food for the weekend will be provided, and the cost will be divided among those who attend. Bring camping gear, softball equipment, frisbees, etc. For more info contact Steve Doles at the church or Val Williams (745-5549).

THANK YOU...The Nelson Group wishes to thank all those who helped in any way with their garage sale. Almost $300 was turned into the general CWF treasury.

SUMMERTIME PROGRAM FOR CHILDREN

THEME: "GOD THE CREATOR"

THURSDAY, JUNE 24 - trip to Allen Dairy from 9:00 to 11:30 A.M.

THURSDAY, JULY 1 from 9:30 to 11:30 A.M. - Open classroom VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL at the church. Leaders for all of the VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL days will be: *KAREN FLICKINGER, NILA SCHILLING, MIRIAM BIXENMAN, AND STEVE DOLES.* Others will help. The theme for the day is: "God Created the World".

THURSDAY, JULY 8 from 9:30 to 11:30 A.M. - Open classroom VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL at the church. The theme for the day is: "God Created Each of Us and Each of Us Is Special"

THURSDAY, JULY 15 from 9:30 to 11:30 A.M. - A "just for fun" day with the showing of the movie "The Shaggy Dog" at the church.

THURSDAY, JULY 22 from 9:30 to 11:30 A.M. - Open classroom VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL at the church. The theme for the day is: "God's Plan for His World"

THURSDAY, JULY 29 from 9:30 to 11:30 A.M. - Open classroom VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL at the church. The theme for the day is: "God and Me--Creators Together"

THURSDAY, AUGUST 5 from 9:30 to 11:30 A.M. - A story and craft day at the church.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 12 from 9:00 to 11:30 A.M. - A trip to the Zoo and the new African Veldt. The theme for the day is: "God's Plan for Animals"

All sessions are for children who were at least three by last October 1, and who finished grade 4 or lower last spring. Come in play clothes. All sessions will end by 11:30 A.M. and children may be picked up then. A donation of 25¢ is asked for each session, if possible. Registration forms will be available the first day. It is necessary that we have parent's signature for field trips.

INSTALLATION OF LEADERSHIP

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hour. Astericks indicate recently elected.

OFFICERS: Moderator: Jack Weicker*, Vice-Moderator: William Love*, Secretary: Nancy Wortley, Treasurer: Andrew Cook, Memorial Funds Treasurer: Ronald Flickinger

CHAIRPERSONS: Education: Jerry Zimmerman*, Evangelism: Joe Wiley*, Lay Personnel: George Bruckman*, Outreach & Service: Connie Wells*, Board of Diaconate: Russell Wortley* and Delores Keebortz*, Stewardship-Finance: Merle Grimm, Worship: Ralph Church, Membership: Mark Snyder, Property: Ed Allen and Paul Yentes, Elders: Ben Taylor.

ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES TO BOARD: Elders - Robert Hendricks, Steve Harter*, Margaret Love*, Deacons - George Davis*, Tom Frappier*; Deaconesses - Marge Lehman, Edna Nordblom, Mildred Hartman*, Congregation-at-Large - Ruth Plummer, Mel Busse, Colyn Crowder*, Steve Hall*

ELDERS: Ross Harter*, Robert Johnson*, Bert Leversee*, Rolland Ripple*, Steve Harter, Margaret Love, Robert Rayl, Jack Weicker, Harold Crowder, Merle Grimm, Glenn Miller, Fred Smell*, Ralph Church, Robert Hendricks, Cecil Rice, Ben Taylor, Dean Widler, Bill Franklin, Bill Schilling, Mark Snyder.

DIACONATE: Doug Allen*, Ennis Brown*, Carol Cline*, George Davis* Mildred Hartman*, Beverly Hendricks*, Clarence Hetrick*, Bob Pauley*, Peggy Buskirk, Eunice Conrad, Max Finkhousen, Tom Frappier, Eileen Klepfer, Gladys Moore, Scott Rayl, Schellie Schell, Kenneth

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BICENTENNIAL WORSHIP

A special service at 7:00 P.M. at Freiman Park will be a religious observance of our community recognizing our religious heritage. This will replace our Celebration Worship. Barbara Short has been on the planning committee. At least 18 of our singers are signed to be a part of a massed choir. Don Parlette will be playing his trumpet in a brass ensemble. We invite all to this community worship.

THANKS FOR SERVICE

June 30th marks the end of terms for the following persons and we give thanks for their service. Chairpersons: Marlene Crouse, Rocky Baugher and Dean Widler; Board Representatives: James Ruble, William Schilling, James Taylor, Robert Johnson, Susan Knuckles, and Don Parlette.

Off on our rotation which calls for one year out are: Elders: George Bruckman, William Love, Charles Ludwig, James Ruble, Diaconate: Walter Bowen, Chad Cline Norma Andrew, Kathlyn Banet, and Mary Cook.

LEADERSHIP

Place, Kenneth Taylor, Dennis Andrew, Rocky Baugher, Cory Church, Marvin Crouse, Donald Short Delores Keebortz, Rosemary Krull, Elinor Place, Susan Thompson, Bruce Lehman, Homer Stevenson, Joe Wiley, Russel Wortley, Susan Knuckles, Carole Lee, Edna Nordblom, Samuel Hayes, John Olson, James Taylor, Delmas Young, Amelia Dare, Mary Lou Hartzler and Marge Lehman.

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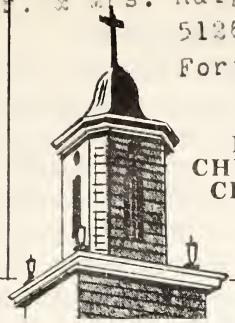

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CHURCH CALENDAR

RIDAY, JULY 2
:15 P.M. Chi Rho, CYF & College & Career meet to play softball

ATURDAY, JULY 3
:00 P.M. to 7:30 P.M. HOMEMADE ICE CREAM SOCIAL ALL WELCOME!
:30 P.M. to 10:30 P.M. SQUARE DANCE ALL WELCOME!

UNDAY, JULY 4
:15 A.M. Meditative Worship
:30 A.M. Church School
0:45 A.M. Divine Worship
2:00 Noon Meeting of those going on All-Church Camp Out
:00 P.M. Celebration Worship

ONDAY, JULY 5
Church Office Closed

UESDAY, JULY 6
:30 P.M. Tuesday Group

EDNESDAY, JULY 7
:00 P.M. CYF at Patty Campbell's 3933 Robinwood

HURSDAY, JULY 8
:30 A.M. Vacation Church School

ANTRY NEEDS:
LAUNDRY SOAP, CANNED FRUITS AND VEGETABLES

BICENTENNIAL WORSHIP

Sunday, July 4, is giving a very appropriate day to gather in worship to praise God as one of the deepest acts of our Bicentennial Celebration. Apart from God, the driving force of our forefathers seems to be lacking.

Dr. Cline is taking as his sermon title the name of the Fort Wayne Bicentennial Hymn "O LORD OF NATIONS." This hymn was written for our community by local persons and is expressive of some of the best of our Christian heritage.

Becky Stucky will be singing "God Bless America" and "I Am Coming Home, Lord" for both morning hours. At 10:45 A.M., a double quartet of Sara Davis, Carolyn Falbe, Beth Schwartz, Becky Stucky, Mel Busse, Bernie Norman, Vincent Wells, and Joe Wiley will sing.

God has blessed America for these 200 years. Let us bless God! Let us praise Him for our native land, and for precious freedom which flows from His almighty Hand!

SERVING JULY 4

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Ben Taylor and Robert Johnson

10:45 A.M. Fred Smell and William Franklin

DEACONS

8:15 A.M. B. Pauley, P. Buskirk, D. Allen, E. Brown

10:45 A.M. R. Krull, E. Conrad, M. Finkhousen, T. Frappier, S. Rayl, S. Schell, C. Cline, G. Davis

USHERS

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, D. Smith, J. Stucky

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, R. Chevalier, H. Stevenson, M. Byers

GREETERS

8:15 A.M. B. Pauley-SW, P. Buskirk-NW

10:45 A.M. R. Krull-NW, E. Conrad-SW, M. Finkhousen-SE, T. Frappier-SW

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Mary Cook and Schellie Schell

NURSERY WORKERS

8:15 A.M. N. Schilling

10:45 A.M. R. Krull, N. Lucas, D. Wortley

IN HOSPITALS

ST. JOSEPH: 805 Mrs. Hildred Favory

MILWAUKEE COUNTY GENERAL HOSPITAL: 715 Mr. Al Powell (a more complete address for the hospital is: 8700 W. Wisconsin, Milwaukee, 53226)

FUNERAL BY PASTOR: Mr. Frank Auer on 6/23/76. Sympathy is extended to his wife, Wilma, and son, Gene, and family.

ALL-CHURCH SQUARE DANCE SPONSORED BY CYF - THIS SATURDAY, JULY 3, FROM 7:30 to 10:30 P.M. IN FELLOWSHIP HALL

RESPONSE TO INVITATION

MICHAEL RAY JOHNSON, the son of Robert and Donna Johnson, 350 Arcadia Ct. -07, 456-2366, made his confession of faith Sunday. Mike will be baptized at the 10:45 A.M. worship hour this Sunday. He will be in the fourth grade at Wayne Elementary School this fall.

AIR-CONDITIONING FUNCTIONING

Relief from high humidity and extreme heat is now available on Sunday morning in our Worship Nave, Chapel, and Fellowship Hall. Our unit has been functioning two weekends now. This allows some of our members with breathing problems an opportunity to worship on days when it has been prohibitive. We rejoice in this addition!

PENTECOST OFFERING

$450 was sent this week as our regular Pentecost offering for the outreach of the church in mission and education and benevolence. Thanks to all who gave!

CALLING ALL CHI RHO & CYF YOUTH

The College and Career Group would like to invite each of you to an evening of softball on Friday, July 2. We will meet at the church parking lot at 6:15 P.M. The teams will be mixed--come---join the fun!

CUSTODIAL CHANGE

Cory Church is replacing Chad Cline and Jim Taylor as part-time custodial help. He began work last Friday. Suggestionc concerning building care should be conveyed to Ed Allen, Chairman of Property or Dr. Cline.

REPORT FROM BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF JUNE 22, 1976

The members spent considerable time in hearing meaningful events within participation and a desire for the coming year. Bringing meaningful were fruitful relationships in committee work; Building Fund response and accomplishment; advanced gifts calling of Building Fund; Christmas Worships working with others in property improvement and learning to know them, depth N.T. study; warmth of church in crisis time; musical programs; Bible learning in Church School; receiving more than giving in process of Home Communion; knowing and relating to youth; Maundy Thursday Communion with joint choirs; genuine love and affection within church; fulfilling leadership responsibilities; Study Groups.

Personal desires for the year ahead included: be renewed and involved with people in and out of church; broaden witness stance; get church in black through realization that all we have is a gift and giving is returning a proportion; continue to gain new members; reach more, satisfaction with what Christ has done; undergird ministries for others, enabling Diaconate to be a working team; more women elders; each person have a group for closeness and sense of belonging; financial growth to sustain God's church; enlist others in work projects--labors of love.

Much attention was given to program responsibilities which are incompleted such as the mini-bus, new member calling, planning retreat, parking lot posting and chains, exterior lighting and evangelism focus.

The resignation of Dorothy Merriman as a deaconess was accepted with regret because of her impending move to Canton, Ohio.

Dr. Cline reported on Ed Allen's Ordination, the Mid West Evangelism Seminar, the General Board meeting of the Christian Church and Sessions '76.

ALL-CHURCH FAMILY CAMP OUT

The All-Church Family Camp Out will be July 9, 10 & 11 at Pokagan State Park. All going are asked to meet in the Parlor immediately after church on Sunday, July 4. If you are going and cannot meet on Sunday, please call Val or Ben Taylor (447-2880) so that adequate reservations may be made at the park. Cost is $3.00 for electrical hookup and $2.50 without.

ED ALLEN TO OHIO

Ed Allen, Jr. began his pastorate with the Fayette Christian Church, Main Street, Fayette, Ohio, 43521, on June 6th. We pray God's blessing as he begins this work with this congregation located in northwestern Ohio.

SATURDAY NIGHT - HOMEMADE ICE CREAM, CAKE AND PIE FROM 6:00 to 7:30 P.M. SPONSORED BY THE CHANCEL CHOIR.

BICENTENNIAL SQUARE DANCE AND ICE CREAM SOCIAL JULY 3

Our Chancel Choir and Christian Youth Fellowship have planned special social activities for all this Saturday night. They are planned to move from one to the other. The Ice Cream Social planned by the choir is from 6:00 to 7:30 P.M. The Square Dance will be called by Carl & Dorothy Brandt from 7:30 to 10:30 P.M. (Note the time correction from some of the publicity!) The youth will have refreshments available during the Square Dance. Both functions are on a donation basis.

HOMEMADE ICE CREAM SOCIAL 6:00 to 7:30 P.M. SATURDAY

Come One--Come All for Homemade Ice Cream - Cake - Pie

Cost on Donation Basis - Sponsored by Chancel Choir

BICENTENNIAL SQUARE DANCE - 7:30 to 10:30 P.M.
SATURDAY

Come and join in the fun - instructions for the Beginner or Experienced

Drinks and Cookies provided by CYF - donation for costs

JOIN IN THE BICENTENNIAL FUN NIGHT THIS SATURDAY

MUSIC FOR OUR WORSHIP EXPERIENCES

We thank our choirs for the music which they provide from early September through the middle of June. We turn to special singers for the summer months and are appreciative of their help and addition to our worship hours. Sara Davis has the following scheduled:

	8:15 A.M. WORSHIP	10:45 A.M. WORSHIP
July 4	Becky Stucky	Becky Stucky and a double quartet
July 11	Glen Beckmyer	Glen Beckmyer
July 18	Margo Parlette, violin	Charles Newman
July 25	Janet Weicker	Steve Hall
August 1	Don Parlette, trumpet	Don Parlette
August 8	Mel Busse	Mel Busse
August 15	Barbara Busse, flute	Barbara Busse, flute
August 22	Ed Jenkins	Ed Jenkins
August 29	Steve Doles	Steve Doles
September 5	Sara Davis, piano Jerry Zimmerman, organ	Sara and Jerry

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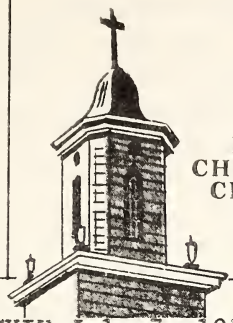

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH TIDINGS

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CHURCH CALENDAR

RIDAY, JULY 9
:00 P.M. CYF meet to leave for Pokagan
ate afternoon: All-Church Camp Out begins at Pokagan

ATURDAY, JULY 10
:00 P.M. Faith at Work, Clines

UNDAY, JULY 11
:15 A.M. Meditative Worship
:30 A.M. Church School
0:45 A.M. Divine Worship
:00 P.M. Celebration Worship

ONDAY, JULY 12
:30 P.M. Fireside Group, Clines

UESDAY, JULY 13
:30 P.M. Tuesday Group
:30 P.M. Lay Personnel Committee with chairpersons of Outreach & Service, Education, & Evangelism
:00 P.M. Evangelism Committee

EDNESDAY, JULY 14
:00 P.M. CYF at Clines

HURSDAY, JULY 15
:30 A.M. Summer Children's Program Movie - "THE SHAGGY DOG"
:00 P.M. Evening showing of "THE SHAGGY DOG"

ANTRY NEEDS: LAUNDRY SOAP, CANNED FRUIT, CRACKERS, PEANUT BUTTER

LET WORSHIP CENTER LIFE!

We rejoiced at the worship participation last Sunday as we celebrated our national Bicentennial. Even though it is vacation time, every Sunday is a worship day. We offer three variant times here from early morning until evening. We encourage worshipping wherever we are when out of town. Bring bulletins back with your name signed on them! This Sunday one of our worship hours will be at Pokagan State Park led by Steve Doles. The Sunday evening Celebration can be a settling in time for some who have been gone for the weekend.

At 8:15 and 10:45 A.M. this Sunday, Dr. Cline will be preaching, "CREATIVE POWER AT WORK IN US", with basic texts being Job 38:1-11, Mark 4:35-41; and II Corinthians 5:14-17. Study these texts and hear what they say about God's power to bring change into life whether the need is to conquer trouble, to make change, or to become calm.

We are rejoicing in the quietness yet comfortable coolness and lack of humidity in our Worship Nave now

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SERVING JULY 11

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Ralph Church and William Schilling

10:45 A.M. Cecil Rice and Dean Widler

DEACONS

8:15 A.M. E. Place, K. Place, S. Thompson, M. Hartman

10:45 A.M. S. Hayes, D. Young, M. Lehman, J. Wiley, R. Wortley, S. Knuckles, E. Nordblom, R. Baugher

USHERS

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, D. Smith, K. Place

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, R. Chevalier, H. Stevenson, R. Baugher

GREETERS

8:15 A.M. S. Thompson-SW, M. Hartman-NW

10:45 A.M. D. Young-SW, M. Lehman-SE, J. Wiley-NE, S. Knuckles-NW

HOMEBOUND COMMUNION

Fred Smell - Sam Hayes

Robert Johnson - Dennis Andrew

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Mary Cook and Schellie Schell

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

Charlie and Armella Newman

NURSERY WORKERS

8:15 A.M. A. Lee

10:45 A.M. P. Norman, S. Davis, P. Campbell

IN HOSPTIALS

ST. JOSEPH: 805 Mrs. Hildred Favory
304 - Mrs. Winnie Mae Ferguson

MILWAUKEE COUNTY GENERAL HOSPITAL
8700 W. Wisconsin, Milwaukee, 53226
715 - Mr. Al Powell

WEDDING: Roger Wayne Crawford and Peggy Ann Stiffler on June 19, 1976 performed by Olden Mitchell. They are residing at 3910 Taylor, Apt. #37, -04.

CALLING ALL HIGH SCHOOLERS

All youth entering grades 9, 10, 11 & 12 this fall are invited to the home of Carol Cline, 5705 Fernwood on Wednesday, July 14, at 7:00 P.M. Bring swim suits and join in fun; and in meeting.

The CYF will be going on the Camp Out at Pokagan this weekend. Meet at the church at 3:00 P.M. on Friday. Bring sack lunch for Friday evening and the rest of your gear for the weekend.

PERSONAL NOTES

Chad Cline flew from Alabama to participate in the national Disciple Youth Ministries Congress in Indianapolis from June 24-28.

Robbie Pauley flew to Korea on June 26 and will return on July 13. He is assisting the placement agency in bringing another child to the U.S. plus celebrating an anniversery of the organization which brought him to this country.

MOVES FROM FORT WAYNE

Mrs. Dorothy Merriman is moving this week to 4510 Farringdon Road, N.W., Canton, Ohio, 44708.

John and Betty Olson and family moved during June to 5047 London Drive, Duluth, Minnesota, 58804.

We ask God's blessing and love on these as they take up residence elsewhere -- back home for Mrs. Merriman and a new community for the Olsons!

SUMMER CHILDREN'S PROGRAM

The summer children's program is now in its third week, with the second Vacation Church School classes this week (July 8), the movie next Thursday (July 15), and the following two Thursdays (July 22 & 29) two additional Vacation Church School classes. August 5 will be a story and craft day and on August 12 a trip to the Zoo and the new African Veldt. We thank all who assisted the first two weeks: Val Taylor, Mrs. Scott (mother of one of our neighborhood families), Steve Doles, Karen Flickinger (two weeks), Mrs. Kapp (friend of Karen Flickinger's and mother of three children enrolled), Nila Schilling, Marilyn Byers, Peg Buskirk, Beth Schilling, Jaynie Jenkins, Bobbi and Kim Johnson, Lee Parlette, and Connie Knight.

MOVIE, "THE SHAGGY DOG" ON JULY 15

The Walt Disney movie, "THE SHAGGY DOG" will be shown twice in our Fellowship Hall on Thursday, July 15. It will be shown once at 9:30 A.M. as a part of the summer children's program (others are welcome, too), and again at 7:00 P.M. for families (or singles) Cost is 25¢ for children under 12 and 50¢ for those over 12. This movie was one of Disney's real hits. It received the award of "top grossing picture". THE SHAGGY DOG is an appealing, clean story for all ages.!

LOAN TO BUILDING FUND FOR IMPROVEMENTS

As we are drawing to the completion of the work on our building projects, the loan from our permenant Memorial Funds was completed last week The building Fund has borrowed only $28,000 to cover all of its needs. It has made one payment of $97 of interest to cover costs to June 30. Payments will begin at the end of July to pay both interest and principal to the Memorial Funds. The interest is a simple 8% of the unpaid balance.

By completing this loan within our own financial structure, we are both paying less in interest and eliminating closing costs for a loan. The quicker our Building Fund gifts pay off this loan, the less interest will be expended.

CAPITAL OUTREACH GIFTS

We mailed out as of June 30th the approved $9,000 for capital outreach projects of our Christian Church. Two-thirds of the money was the accumulation of our Capital Outreach Fund or our Memorial and Special Gifts Fund The other third is from 22½% set aside fro capital outreach of our building fund giving.

$7,000 was earmarked through the Division of Homeland Ministries of the Christian Church for the Inman Center in San Antonio, Texas. This money is being used to purchase property for building improvements which will help the facility to qualify for federal funding of a major new program in work with Spanish-speaking Americans. $2,000 was earmarked for the new Service Building to be built at Barbee Christian Camp this fall.

LET WORSHIP CENTER LIFE

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with our new Air Conditioning system. It frees us from the distractions of noise and uncomfortableness.

Church giving goes right on in summer months even as does our income. Our program support budget is being continued from this July 1 to December 30 without change as we move to a coordinated budget and calendar year. Give out of the rich treasure entrusted by God.

FAITH AT WORK

This interdenominational group has monthly meetings in out community. The July meeting is from 8:00 to 10:00 P.M. this Saturday evening, July 10, at the Clines, 5705 Fernwood. It is open to any interested person seeking to grow in relationship with God, with self, with significant others, or the world. This group is ecumenical and normally involves persons from 12 to 20 different congregations of Protestant and Catholic churches.

The second Fort Wayne Faith at Work Conference is scheduled for October 8 & 9 at First Wayne Street United Methodist Church.

THANKS FROM CHOIR

The Choir thanks all the many people who were involved in making Saturday night's Ice Cream Social a sucess--the many who furnished the delicious pies and cakes, those who worked hard in the kitchen and in serving and especially those who came to eat!

ALL CHURCH FAMILY CAMP OUT

Several of our families are joining together for a camping weekend at Pokagan State Park. Known early in the week were the Ben Taylors who are in charge, the Michael Watsons, the Bob Pauleys, Miriam Bixenman, and the CYF as a family group. If others are going or if there are questions, call the Taylors, 447-2880. The campers will have worship and study led by Steve Doles.

REGISTER NOW FOR SUMMER CAMP

Youth should turn in registrations immediately to the church office or a staff person. The weeks are coming shortly. This is a rich Christian educational and fun experience which is encouraged for every youth in our church family.

CAMP 7 & 8 BARBEE - JULY 12-17
CAMP 5 & 6 BARBEE - JULY 19-24
Director - Miriam Bixenman, Counselors - Peg Buskirk, Marlene Crouse, Edna Nordblom, Jim Taylor, Mike Watson. Youth - Eric Jenkins, Tim Knuckles, Sharon Knuckles, Mai Pauley, Rodney Siler.
CAMP 7 & 8 BARBEE - JULY 26-31
CONFERENCE 11 & 12 BARBEE AUG. 1-7
Counselors - Connie Wells, Youth - Patty Campbell, Chad Cline, Jaynie Jenkins, Ken Taylor, Diana Wortley
MUSIC-DRAMA BEDFORD - AUG. 1-13
Youth: Ann Boyd, Carol Cline
CONFERENCE 9 & 10 BARBEE AUG. 8-14
Director - Harold Cline, Counselor - Steve Doles; Youth - Mike Campbell, Anne Lee, Kathy Lee

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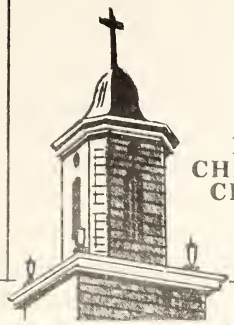

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CHURCH CALENDAR

FRIDAY, SATURDAY, JULY 16 & 17
CYF entertains Greensburg CYF

SUNDAY, JULY 18
8:15 A.M. Meditative Worship
9:30 A.M. Church School
10:45 A.M. Divine Worship
8:00 P.M. Celebration Worship

TUESDAY, JULY 20
7:30 P.M. Group

WEDNESDAY, JULY 21
7:00 P.M. CYF at Melanie Baugher's 3002 Thompson

THURSDAY, JULY 22
9:30 A.M. Vacation Church School

NEXT ALL CHURCH CAMP OUT:

July 30-31, Aug. 1
Chain-o-Lakes State Park

PANTRY NEEDS: CEREALS, CRACKERS, CANNED FRUIT

MEMORIALS, SPECIAL GIFTS, AND WILL BEQUESTS

This has become a vital enabling program of First Christian as is evidenced in the 1975-76 church year. Notice the breadth and impact of these enduring gifts

--*Interest Earnings*	$ 3,254.49
--*Designated Gifts and Memorials*	1,551.85
--*Undesignated Memorial Gifts*	295.50
--*Will Bequests*	22,658.99
TOTAL INCOME	$ 27,760.83
--*Summer Intern Steve Doles*	2,217.77
--*Church Vocation Scholarships to Ed Allen & Val Williams*	1,500.00
--*Inman Central Property Purchase in San Antonio*	5,840.11
--*Building Fund*	6,642.53
--*Budget Support*	602.77
--*Paraments, Tables, Drinking Fountain*	1,274.54
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	$18,077.72

We believe vital work has been enabled through small Memorial Gifts or arge will bequests. Interpretive Folders concerning our Program are vailable at the church at all times -- "LASTING GIFTS TO FIRST CHRISTIAN HURCH."

SERVING JULY 18

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Mark Snyder and Robert Hendricks

10:45 A.M. Harold Crowder and Merle Grimm

DEACONS

8:15 A.M. D. Keebortz, K. Taylor, B. Lehman, D. Allen

10:45 A.M. R. Krull, E. Conrad, H. Stevenson, M. Finkhousen, T. Frappier, S. Rayl, S. Schell, C. Cline

USHERS

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, D. Smith, B. Lehman

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, R. Chevalier, H. Stevenson, M. Finkhousen

GREETERS

8:15 A.M. D. Keebortz-SW, B. Lehman-NW

10:45 A.M. H. Stevenson-NW, S. Rayl-SW, S. Schell-SE, C. Cline-NE

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Eileen Klepfer, Amelia Dare

NURSERY WORKERS

8:15 A.M. M. Arruza

10:45 A.M. S. Thompson, S. Cotton, K. Johnson

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

Rocky and Lee Baugher

IN HOSPITAL

Parkview: 323 -Mr. Al Powell

SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED:

To Mrs Mary Wilhelm and family in the death of her husband, John, last Thursday. Dr. Cline assisted with the funeral at St. Patrick's Catholic Church on July 10.

To Arthur Chevalier and family in the death of his wife, Muriel. Dr. Cline conducted the funeral service on July 14.

JUNE AVERAGES:

Worship	270
Church School	125
Program Support	$2,046.30
Building Fund	$ 586.21

NEW MEMBER:

Michael Ray Johnson

COLLEGE AND CAREER:

All college and career singles are urged to meet on Saturday, July 17th, 6:00 P.M., at the home of Steve Hall (3406 McArthur Drive in Waynedale) for a cookout and volleyball. Hot dogs and lemonade will be provided, so please bring other types of food and snacks. We are celebrating our first College and Career Birthday!

THANKS FOR WORK:

Earl Fusselman has beautified our grounds through his lawn care. Special thanks are given for his aid of staff in cleaning all the eaves and downspouts the other Friday. Thanks Earl!

Thanks goes to Rolland Ripple and Harold Crowder for painting and assembling our new book case for the Library Room. Thanks!

STAFF VACATIONS:

Barbara Short will be gone from July 11 to July 30. Call back if you do not reach anyone on the first try.

Harold Cline will be gone east from July 16 to July 28.

MOVE FROM FORT WAYNE:

Mike, Sandra, & Andrew Becker are in the process of relocating in Omaha, Nebraska, where he has been transferred from an overseas military assignment.

Y.F. FOR HIGH SCHOOLERS:

The CYF will meet at 8:30 P.M. is Friday night. Bring sleeping gs amd pillows because of hosting e Greensburg CYF through Sat. an for swimming, playing soft ball, lleyball, games, etc. Sleeping ll be at the church.

Regular meeting at 7:00 P.M. on dnesday, July 21, with Mel Baugher, 02 Thompson.

BLE A MONTH CLUB:

Our children of Church School asses have begun their second year providing a Bible for $3.00 thru e American Bible Society. In May, e 5th & 6th grade class alone gave .00 for a Chinese speaking person. ildren bring extra pennies each nday for this effort of providing bles for those who would not otherse have them. $6.00 is going this ek to provide a Bible for one with paired hearing and for someone in donesia. Thanks to our children!

WN MEETING ON JULY 24:

rsons interested in an area bound- by the railroad on the north, St. ry's River on the west, Paulding ad on the south, and LaFAyette St. the east are planning an old fashned New England Town Meeting for turday, July 24. It will be held om 9:00 A.M. to 5:30 P.M. at the rt Wayne Bible College. Lunch will served for a donation of $1.00. e purpose of the meeting will be take an "in depth" look at the ecomic, political, and cultural sues of our community, work out ncerns, and develop some program r future life together. Interest- l persons should attend. Rev. Don Cord of West Creighton Chr. Ch. is ordinator.

WORSHIP THIS SUNDAY!

8:15 A.M.-MEDITATIVE WORSHIP

Traditional Worship with Steve Doles bringing the message, "SECURITY--ANYBODY GOT A BLANKET?"

10:45 A.M. - DIVINE WORSHIP

Miriam Bixenman will be leading a commissioning service for these counselors and youth for church camp: Peg Buskirk, Marlene Crouse, Edna Nordblom, Jim Taylor, Mike Watson, Connie Wells, Steve Doles, Harold Cline; Eric Jenkins, Tim Knuckles, Mai Pauley, Sharon Knuckles, Rodney Siler, Patty Campbell, Chad Cline, Jaynie Jenkins, Necia Stucker, Ken Taylor, Diana Wortley, Mike Campbell, Anne Lee, Kathy Lee, and Carol Cline.

Steve Doles will be leading a shared message with three youth--Melanie Baugher, Cory Church, and Ken Taylor--about their work camp experience at Hazel Green Academy for a week during June.

8:00 P.M. - CELEBRATION WORSHIP

Steve Doles will lead this informal time of praise, study, and fellowship.

ALL CHURCH CAMP-OUT:

Next--July 30-Aug.1 at Chain of Lakes. Participating this past weekend:Ben,Val,Jim,Ken, & Larry Taylor; Bob, Sharon, & Mai Pauley, Jim & Becky Stucky, Ralph, Judy, Cory, & Dan Church, Mike & Suzie Watson, Patty, Mike, & Kim Campbell, Clint & Andrew Crowe, Peg Buskirk, Miriam Bixenman, Marlene Crouse, Necia Stucker, Mel Baugher, Val Williams, & Steve Doles.

MEMORIALS AND GIFTS AND DONORS - 1975-76

UNDESIGNATED MEMORIAL GIFTS

IN MEMORY OF...	DONORS
Dempsey Weaver. . . .	Mary Catherine Holm
Mrs. Ethel Busch. . .	Mr. & Mrs. Vaughn Brickley, Mrs. Marion Favory, Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Timons, Mr. & Mrs. Edward Frye, Members and Friends of First Christian Church
Rev. Barton Johnson .	Mrs. Dorothy Merriman
Mrs. Minnie F. Cook .	Mr. & Mrs. Harold Crowder
Mrs. Donna Stretch .	Harmony Class, Brummel Group, Gospel Seekers Class
LeRoy Timbrook	Mr. & Mrs. Jack Weicker, Dick, Vivian, & Rick Kowalski, Mr. & Mrs. Bueford Terrell, Mr. & Mrs. Herb Gerig, Mr. & Mrs. Monroe Gerig, Virginia Amstuatz, Mr. Adams, Mrs. Robert Ray, Betty Ray, Mr. & Mrs. R.S. Hyde
Mrs. Lela Vesey . . .	Members and Friends of First Christian Church
Virgil Futterer . . .	Mr. & Mrs. Leslie Futterer
Daryl Markley	Rivera Group
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DESIGNATED MEMORIAL GIFTS

Mrs. Edna Bowen. . . .	Walter Bowen & Stephen & Kay Bowen
Albert Egly.	Mr. & Mrs. Mark Krull
Paul Ferguson.	Mrs. Geneva Ferguson
Walter Keebortz . . .	Mrs. Delores Keebortz

DESIGNATED GIFTS FOR DRINKING FOUNTAIN & TABLES FOR LIBRARY & CONFERENCE ROOM

WILL BEQUESTS

Stock from Albert Egly Estate - Residue from Edna M. Saxon Estate

LIBRARY BOOKS

Mrs. Pauline Speicher	Fellowship Guild
Debra Dusing	Mrs. Juanita Dusing
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CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, JULY 25

:15 A.M. Meditative Worship
:30 A.M. Church School
:45 A.M. Divine Worship
:00 P.M. Celebration Worship

TUESDAY, JULY 27

:00 Noon D.M.A. Picnic at Franke Park
:30 P.M. Group

WEDNESDAY, JULY 28

:00 P.M. CYF Meet at Necia Stucker's, 8924 Hemphill

THURSDAY, JULY 29

:00 A.M. Vacation Church School

FRIDAY, JULY 30 - SUNDAY, AUGUST 1

ALL CHURCH CAMP OUT AT CHAIN-O-LAKES STATE PARK. Contact Jim or Becky Stucky.

PANTRY NEEDS: CANNED FRUIT, LAUNDRY SOAP, CRACKERS, POWDERED MILK

WHO WE ARE IN NUMBERS

Last week we mailed our annual report for the Year Book and Directory of the Christian Church. We thank treasurers and others who assisted. It forces us to see ourselves through our records of membership and finances.

Our 36 additions was the highest in three years and our 44 who moved from non-participating to participating membership status was the highest of this record. In spite of these gains, we only had a 2.7% net gain in Participating Membership against a Regional goal of 7.5%.

Our total giving jumped over $40,000 above the previous year largely due to our Building Fund and the Saxon Will Bequest. Our worship average increased slightly after two years of decline.

Two of the outstanding criteria when measured against others--though not when measured against potential--are $64.38 per capita giving for others and $301.07 per giving for all causes. See the full listing on Page 3.

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SERVING JULY 25

Elders

8:15 A.M. Robert Rayl and Steve Harter

10:45 A.M. Glenn Miller and Jack Weicker

Deacons

8:15 A.M. E. Brown, J. Taylor, C. Church, S. Thompson.

10:45 A.M. G. Davis, K. Taylor, S. Hayes. D. Young, M. Lehman, H. Stevenson, J. Wiley, R. Wortley

Ushers

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, J. Stucky, B. Lehman

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, R. Chevalier, H. Stevenson, R. Wortley

Greeters

8:15 A.M. E. Brown-NW J. Taylor-SW

10:45 A.M. G. Davis-NW, K. Taylor-SW, M. Lehman-SE, S. Hayes-NE.

Communion Preparation

Eileen Klepfer & Amelia Dare

Homebound Communion

Bill Franklin - Delmas Young
Ralph Church - Bruce Lehman

Nursery Workers

8:15 A.M. Jaynie Jenkins

10:45 A.M. L. Wiley, B. Busse, Mel Baugher

Coffee Hour Hosts

Rocky and Lee Baugher

IN HOSPITAL

Parkview 323 - Mr. Al Powell

SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED

To Mary Lou Hartzler and family in the death of her mother several weeks ago in Sullivan, Indiana.

To Wayne A. Doehrman and family in the death of his mother, Clara, on July 11.

RESPONSE TO INVITATION

Necia Stucker, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Joe Stucker, 8924 Hemphill Rd., 46819, 747-6504, made her confession of faith Sunday. Necia has been active in the CYF & has been active in the life of our congregation for several months. She will be a Junior at Wayne High School this fall.

ADDITIONAL CAMP REGISTRANT

Mel Baugher will be at Conference 11 & 12 at Barbee, Aug. 1-7. This gives us now 17 youth registrants and 9 counselors in our Regionally sponsored camps and conferences. We also had 3 youth and 1 counselor for the Work Camp at Hazel Green.

SUMMER CHILDREN'S PROGRAM

The 6th week of our children's summer program will be Thursday, July 29, with the 4th Vacation School Session. Theme of the day will be "God and I - Creating Together", with sessions from 9:30-11:30 a.m. In addition to those mentioned in previous issues of TIDINGS, we also wish to thank Mel Baugher, Dan Church, Necia Stucker and Eunice Conrad, who have helped in this program.

GREETINGS FROM FLINN HOME

Mrs. Opal Heller sent very best wishes to all in a note last week. She is having extreme trouble seeing right now.

COLLEGE & CAREER GROUP

will meet Saturday, July 25, at the home of Robbie Pauley, 2720 Marcy Lane at 7:00 P.M. He will be showing slides & telling about his recent trip to Korea.

WHO WE ARE IN NUMBERS (continued from Page 1)

MBERSHIP TOTALS	1976	1975
rticipating	569	554
n-Participating	302	324
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om Non-Part. to Part.	44	19
om Part. to Non-Part.	33	59
DITIONS		
nfession & Baptism	7	7
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ansfer	28	16
MOVED		
Death	9	13
Transfer	23	38
Request	6	4
urch School Enrollment	317	324
	128	125

AVERAGES	1976	1975
Worship	312	306
Church School	133	141
Budget Giving	$1,923.55	$1,916.95
Building Fund	555.87	96.42
Total Church & Aux.	$3,294.40	$2,496.01
MISCELLANEOUS		
Per Capita Total Giving	$301.07	$ 234.29
Per Capita Outreach	64.38	59.19
% of Outreach	21.4%	25.27%
Church Debt (June 30)	$28,000.00	$00.00
Permanent Funds (June 30)	$48,618.00	$37,140.00
Increase of Perm. Funds	$11,478.00	$ 288.00

TOTAL OUTREACH GIVING FOR 1975-76

SIC MISSION FINANCE OF CHRISTIAN CHURCH Outreach--Missions, Education, Benevolent Homes	$12,283.96
PITAL PROGRAMS OF CHRISTIAN CHURCH Inman Center, Barbee Center, Appeal Gift	$ 9,750.00
SOCIATED CHURCHES OF ALLEN COUNTY Weekday Christian Education, Campus Ministry	$ 3,994.31
URCH VOCATION PROGRAM Intern, Vocation Scholarships	$ 3,717.77
EK OF COMPASSION - World Relief & Rehabilitation	$ 2,595.00
CONCILIATION - Ministries to unite people	$ 2,050.00
CAL BENEVOLENCE - Pantry Program, Helping Hand, Radio Broadcast	$ 1,269.81
CUMENICAL CAUSES - American Bible Society, Indiana, National & World Councils	$ 736.00
REAN ORPHAN CHILD	$ 142.00
ICEF--Helping Children with food & medicine	$ 92.37
TAL SHARING BEYOND OURSELVES BY CHURCH AND AUXILIARY GROUPS	$36,631.22

D.M.A. AT FRANKE PARK

The DMA will gather at 12:00 noon for a potluck at Franke Park on Tuesday, July 27. Harold Crowder and Delmas Young will find and arrange for the tables and set up. Bring games and enjoy the out-of-doors in this fellowship!

The DMA is chartering a bus on Tuesday, August 31, to go as a group to see "Salute to Broadway" at the Wagon Wheel Playhouse in Warsaw. Turn in reservations with $6 for the ticket and bus to Rolland & Genevieve Ripple or to the church office. Checks should be made out to the church. Act soon as the bus is filling rapidly.

ALL CHURCH CAMP OUT

will be held this week end, Friday evening through Sunday, at Chain of Lakes State Park. Families or groups interested in going are asked to contact Jim and Becky Stucky (447-3826), so we'll know how many sites to save. Saturday dinner will be a shared pot luck meal, with all other meals eaten in family groupings. Miriam Bixenman is the staff person in charge for this event. If you would like to go but do not have equipment, contact Mrs. Bixenman at the church after July 25, as there is some equipment available on a loan basis. Those attending are asked to meet in the church parlor immediately following second service this Sunday.

SUNDAY WORSHIPS

8:15 A.M. MEDITATIVE WORSHIP

Janet Weicker, soloist - Steve Doles preaching. Join in this quiet communion worship experience.

10:45 A.M. DIVINE WORSHIP

Steve Doles is presiding for this worship experience. He will be aided by our participants at the recent Session '76 at Purdue University attended by 1700 men. Our participants: Ross Harter, Steve Harter, Vincent Wells, Dean Widler, and Joe Wiley will share.

Steve Hall will be singing a song which he has written, "Give That Boy Time, Jesus" Bruce Lehman will accompany on his harmonica and Steve on his guitar.

8:00 P.M. CELEBRATION WORSHIP

Steve Doles is leading. Participate and enjoy a Christian Family experience.

PRAYER TRIADS

16 persons have been committed to one another in intercessory prayer triads for nearly six months. We will regroup & also open the door for new participants on August 1. If you are interested, contact Miriam Bixenman, Steve Doles, Dr. Cline, or call the church office. Assignments will be announced and the new series will begin at Celebration Worship on Sunday evening, August 1.

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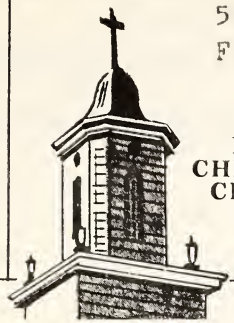

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, AUGUST 1
8:15 A.M. Meditative Worship
9:30 A.M. Church School
10:45 A.M. Divine Worship
8:00 P.M. Celebration Worship

TUESDAY, AUGUST 3
7:30 P.M. Board of Trustees
7:30 P.M. Group

THURSDAY, AUGUST 5
9:00 A.M. Craft & Story Day

SATURDAY, AUGUST 7
8:00 P.M. Faith at Work, Village Green Free Methodist Church

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

The regular August meeting of the Board of Trustees will be at 7:30 P.M., Tuesday, Aug. 3. All officers, chairpersons, and elected representatives are urged to attend. Annual reports, update on building improvements, election of personnel, and other items will be considered along with regular reports.

MEDITATIVE WORSHIP - 8:15 A.M.

Begin August with Worship! This service will include a guided meditation utilizing the taped guidance of John Powell. Dr. Cline will be preaching "ON MISSION FOR GOD". Study Amos 7:10-15; Ephesians 1:3-14 and Mark 6:7-13. Don Parlette will be playing trumpet accompanied by his wife, Vee.

DIVINE WORSHIP - 10:45 A.M.

In spite of the summer heat, enjoy the quiet and coolness of our worship nave as we seek to bring life into focus with God!

Dr. Cline returns to the pulpit from vacation and will preach "ON MISSION FOR GOD." Read Amos 7:10-15; Ephesians 1:3-14; and Mark 6:7-13. Don Parlette will provide special music on his trumpet accompanied by his wife, Vee.

CELEBRATION WORSHIP - 8:00 P.M.

This participatory worship will focus on prayer. New Prayer Triad assignments will be made and Triads will begin their sharing pilgrimage. New participants in the Prayer Triads are invited to contact the church office or Dr. Cline to sign up for a new six month period.

SERVING AUGUST 1

Elders

8:15 A.M. Ross Harter and Margaret Love

10:45 A.M. Bert Leversee Rolland Ripple

Deacons

8:15 A.M. D. Keebortz, B. Lehman. E. Place, K. Place.

10:45 A.M. S. Knuckles, E. Nordblom, R. Baugher, R. Krull, E. Conrad, M. Finkhousen, S. Rayl, T. Frappier.

Ushers

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman. D. Smith, C. Cline

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, R.Chevalier, H. Stevenson, S. Hayes

Greeters

8:15 A.M. E. Place - NW
K. Place - SW

10:45 A.M. T. Frappier-NW, R. Baugher-SW, E. Conrad-NE, R. Krull-SE.

Communion Preparation

Beverly Hendricks & Elinor Place

Nursery Workers

8:15 A.M. Carole Lee

10:45 A.M. Bev Hudlow, J. Kelly Barb Finkhousen.

IN HOSPITALS

Parkview 323 - Mr. Al Powell
Lutheran 762 - Mr. Leslie Futterer

OUT OF TOWN HOSPITAL

Mrs. Thomas H. Crowe, (Andy's mother) is in Intensive care, Room 7209, Cardiac Section, Florida Sanitarium, Orlando, Florida.

HOSTS FOR COFFEE HOUR LAST SUNDAY

Ralph & Jessie Keller were the hosts for coffee hour last Sunday. Apologies for mistake in the TIDINGS last week.

RESPONSE TO INVITATION

Rocky, Lee and Rick Baugher, Dean Widler, and Marge Lehman came forward Sunday morning in a recommitment of life to Christ.

We rejoice with them in what they are experiencing of God in their lives.

NEW DIRECTORY COMING

A new listing of members and friends of First Christian Church has been printed. It is being assembled and prepared for mailing. It should be received about August 3. When it comes, place it in a safe and usable place. Call the church office if there are corrections or if you have information on those with unknown addresses.

JULY AVERAGES

WORSHIP	241
CHURCH SCHOOL	109
PROGRAM SUPPORT	$1815.26
BUILDING FUND	$ 272.63

ALL CHURCH CAMP OUT

This is the final call for the Camp Out this weekend at Chain-O Lakes State Park. Known participants at this writing include:

Ben Taylor Family, Jim & Becky Stucky, Mike Watson Family, Miriam Bixenman, Peggy Buskirk, Marlene Crouse, Sally Cline, Carol Cline and Steve Doles.

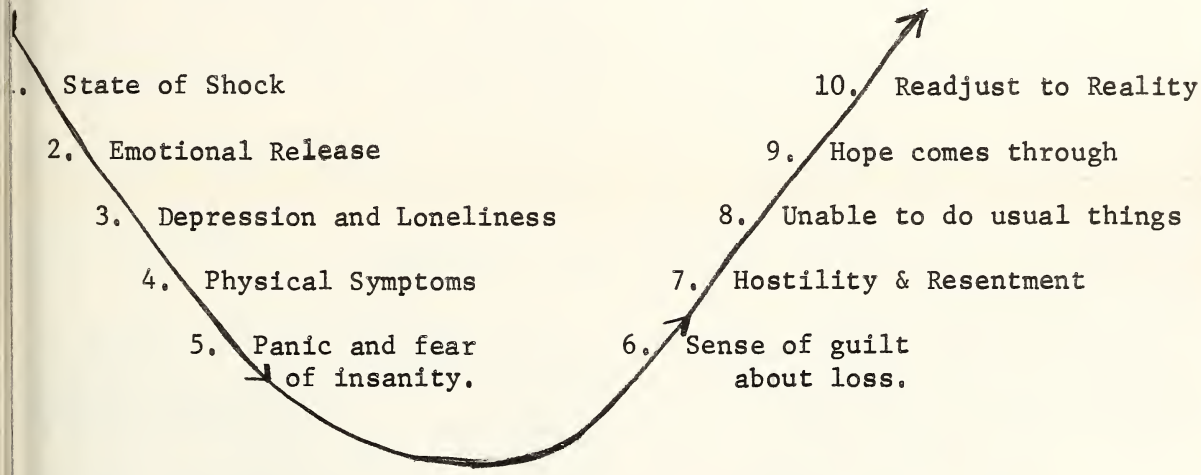
Miriam Bixenman is carrying staff responsibility for this event.

PANTRY NEEDS:
CANNED MEAT, CANNED FRUIT, LAUNDRY SOAP

UNDERSTANDING GRIEF

(please read I Thessalonians 4:13-14 and II Corinthians 1:3-7)

Most of us, during our lifetime, acquire many things of importance to ıs, such as possessions, friends, children. Sometimes we loose these ›recious acquisitions, and then we grieve over the loss of health, a loved ›ne, a job, moving from familiar surroundings, children leaving our home, :tc. Dr. Granger Westberg, a well known Lutheran minister, in his book, 'Good Grief", has developed the thesis that, whenever we suffer a loss, we .ive through what he calls the "grief cycle". A diagram of this grief ;ycle is shown here to help you understand your own grief, or to help you .n ministering to others who are grieving.



How do we minister to one who is grieving? We do <u>not</u> do everything or him. Don't say, "Now, don't cry". Emotional release is necessary. o not pressure the person to return to normalcy too quickly. Grief is a atural response to loss. We must grieve. However, the Christian differs n his response to grief. He grieves with HOPE. He finds some purpose in he loss and may in turn comfort others. Remembering Christ's words, "I m with you always", may we help one another with patience, kindness, and enuine love, step by step, through our losses.

CHILDREN'S SUMMER PROGRAM

Next Thursday, August 5, is the seventh session of our summer children's program. Boys & girls from 3 years (before last Oct. 1) through those who finished fourth grade this spring will be enjoying a story and craft day this session. Stories and crafts will be geared to boys & girls in each of the various age levels. The closing session on August 12 will be a trip to the Children's Zoo.

EXPRESSIONS OF THANKS

Our Friends at First Christian:

We wish to express our appreciation for the many prayers, cards and notes, visits and telephone calls, food, flowers and gifts to the Cancer Society received during the recent illness and death of our husband and father, John P. Wilhelm.

A very special thank you to Dr. Cline for his participation in the funeral mass held at St. Patrick's Church, July 10th.

Mary & Jim Wilhelm,
Jolene & Dan Dickey

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Mac & Tillie McNamee wish to express their thanks to friends at First Christian for their prayers and concern for Mac in his recent illness. Mac and Tillie were guests among us for Sunday morning worship and also for Celebration Worship.

THANK YOU EXPRESSIONS (continued)

Mr. Al Powell, who is a patient at Parkview Hospital, wishes to thank friends and members of First Christian for their prayers and cards during his hospitalization.

CLEVELAND CHILDREN'S HOME

The Cleveland Christian Home for Children is seeking to secure audio visual equipment. They have made arrangements with the Campbell Soup Company to secure this equipment by saving labels from Campbell's soup and/or Campbell's Pork & Beans. Will you help in this project by saving your lavels and depositing them in the mail box opposite the church office belonging to Mrs. Bixenman.

GUITAR LESSONS

Steve Hall is offering to give guitar lessons on Wed. evenings from 6 - 9 P.M. Appointments will be made on a half hour basis. If interested, call Steve at 747-5423. Cost will be $2.50 per half hour.

CELLO RECITAL

The congregation of FCC is invited to the Cello recital of David Garrett, on Aug. 1, at 7:30 P.M. at Waynedale United Methodist Church. (David has provided special music for us during our worship service.)

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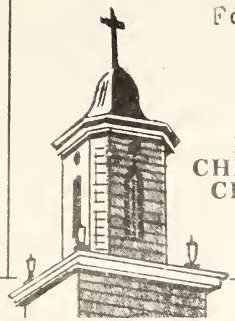

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH TIDINGS

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CHURCH CALENDAR

FRIDAY, AUGUST 6

7:00 P.M. College & Career will meet at 4760 Reed Street (Delores Keebortz's.) Steve will show his Israel slides.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 7
8:00 P.M. Faith at Work, Village Green Free Methodist Church

SUNDAY, AUGUST 8
8:15 A.M. Meditative Worship
9:30 A.M. Church School
10:45 A.M. Divine Worship
8:00 P.M. Celebration Worship

TUESDAY, AUGUST 10
7:30 P.M. Group
7:30 P.M. Evangelism Committee

THURSDAY, AUGUST 12
9:00 A.M. Summertime Children's Program trip to the Children's Zoo. Will return by 11:30

PANTRY NEEDS:
CANNED FRUIT
CANNED MEAT
LAUNDRY SOAP

QUIET ONES

"The quiet ones are all around me, Lord. The decaying, the dying, the lonely, the lost--they're found in parks, gutters, apartments, and alleys. They sit at home in Suburbia and in shacks in slums. They are housewives and barmaids, businessmen and bums, derelicts and drug addicts, corporation presidents and mental patients, soldiers and sales clerks. Shake me from my complacency, Father, and teach me to care again. Give me compassion for persons and get me involved with someone besides myself for a change. Above all, make me realize that those who seem so quiet on the outside might just be coming apart on the inside." Amen.

ALIVE NOW Spring, 1972.

"Jesus had compassion on them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd"--Read Mark 6:30-34; Jeremiah 23:1-6, and Ephesians 2: 13-22 before next Sunday morning. The sermon will focus on "A CARING CHRIST AND CARING COMMUNITY." Dr. Cline is preaching Sunday morning, then will leave to direct Conference 9-10 at Camp Barbee during the week. Mrs. Miriam Bixenman will lead Celebration Worship at 8:00 P. M.

SERVING AUGUST 8

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Robert Johnson and William Schilling

10:45 A.M. Cecil Rice and Fred Smell

DEACONS

8:15 A.M. B. Pauley, P. Buskirk, D. Allen, E. Brown

10:45 A.M. S. Schell, C. Cline, G. Davis, K. Taylor, J. Taylor, S. Hayes, D. Young, M. Lehman

USHERS

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, D. Smith

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, R. Chevalier, H. Stevenson

GREETERS

8:15 A.M. B. Pauley-NW, P. Buskirk-SW

10:45 A.M. S. Schell-NW, C. Cline-SW, G. Davis-NE, D. Young-SE

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Bev. Hendricks & Elinor Place

HOMEBOUND COMMUNION

M. Synder, H. Stevenson, D. Widler, J. Wiley

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

Margaret and Bill Love

NURSERY WORKERS

8:15 A.M. B. Schilling

10:45 A.M. J. Markley, A. Newman, C. Cline

IN HOSPITALS

PARKVIEW: 323 Mr. Al Powell
521 Mrs. Irma Irwin
737 Mr. Albert Wells

LUTHERAN: 794 Mrs. Dorotha Baker

SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED

To Mrs. Dorothy Schmidt in the death of her mother, Sarah Wass, on July 18th, at age 101.

To Mrs. Lillie Whitbey in the death of her husband, James H. on August 2

RESPONSES TO INVITATION

MRS. DESSIE BUCHMAN, 414 W. Concord Lane, 07, 745-0446, identified with us Sunday in a transfer of member from Colony Heights Church of Christ. She is a widow and her only son is a physician in New Albany, Indiana.

MRS. EDNA JOHNSON, 219 E. Petit 06, 744-0768, is identifying with us as of August 2 in a transfer of membership from Redeemer Lutheran of the city. She enjoys her house, yard and flowers.

We welcome the common venture in Christ of these two who come among our fellowship of care and love.

CALLING FOR LIBRARY BOOKS

Tana Harter, our church librarian, is asking that all church library books be returned. She is planning to move the library to its new location during August. Dr. Cline would also appreciate the return of books which have been borrowed from his library.

CONGRATULATIONS ON BIRTH

To Mr. and Mrs. E. Miles Zimmerman, a daughter, Sarah Michelle, on July 20.

CHILDREN TO GO TO ZOO

The summer children's program will end on Thursday, August 12, with a trip to the Children's Zoo at Franke Park. We will tour the Zoo and the new African Veldt. Light refreshments will be provided. Children are asked to meet on the parking lot at 9:00 A.M. (Note earlier time) and will be returned here at 11:30 A.M.

THE MEANING AND POWER OF PRAYER

One of the most helpful and inspiring of the Discovery-Witness Groups at Session '76 was "The Meaning and Power of Prayer" led by Richard Ziegler of Tulsa, Oklahoma. Following is a suggested prayer in which you may place your name, a prayer partner, or friends.

Our Father in heaven
Hallow thy name in _____ this day;

Reign over _____ with Thy sovereignity;

Bend _____ 's will, until it is wholly conformed to Thine;

Give _____ this day holy gifts of Thy choosing

Enter _____ 's life with Thy forgiving life;

Make _____ to carry Thy forgiving life to others.

Make _____ victorious in temptations

Free _____ and resume from every evil power

For thine, and not _____ 's is the Kingdom and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

Lyle E. Schaller is recognized as one of the outstanding church planner in the nation. Dr. Schaller has recently in The Cutting Edge, a periodica from the Board of Church Extension of the Christian Church, published a artical entitled "Seven Characteristics of Growing Churches:

These seven emphesis are:

1. Bible preaching
2. Emphasis on Evangelism
3. Changing Membership-Fellowship Circles which says that new people can become part of any class at any time.
4. Opportunities to express commitment.
5. Important-Leadership is to train others to go to other churches to serve and receive the leadership from other churches.
6. Specialties in Ministry: the growing church is one that has special directions that its ministry leads.
7. A minister who likes people.

These seven characteristics are rather important if a church is expecte to be on the growing edge.

APPRECIATION LETTERS TO THE CONGREGATION

July 26, 1976

Dear Mr. Cline:

Church Finance Council has forwarded to the Division of Homeland Ministries the $7,000.00 contribution from First Christian Church designated for the purchase of land for Inman Christian Center.

This money has today been forwarded to Inman Center. They are now ready to start the preliminary construction plans for the Parent/Child Development Center which they intend to build on the site which your gift purchased for them.

The staff of Homeland Ministries as well as the staff of Inman are deeply grateful for this gift. Thank you for it, and may the Lord bless the ministry of First Christian Church.

Sincerely,
Frank T. Springer, Director of Financial Development of
Division of Homeland Ministries of the Christian Church

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July 28, 1976

Dear Pastor Cline:

The First Christian Church has been gracious in responding to the Weekday Religious Education Scholarship Fund. In the name of Associated Churches and on behalf of our teachers and children, I express our sincere appreciation for the confidence and support which your gift represents. I am especially grateful for these "over-and-above" gifts for they are indicative of the personal interest of the givers. I trust you will convey to your people our gratitude.

We expect to have another effective teaching ministry in the thirty-second year of the program. This is a major part of our program together which we believe the churches and the people of Fort Wayne and Allen County care about very much. We will continue efforts to fulfill that trust.

Sincerely,
Melvin R. Phillips, Executive Director of Associated Churches
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CHURCH CALENDAR

SATURDAY, AUGUST 14
7:00 P.M. College & Career at Jim Taylor's, 5215 Werling

SUNDAY, AUGUST 15
8:15 A.M. Meditative Worship
9:30 A.M. Church School
10:45 A.M. Divine Worship
8:00 P.M. Celebration Worship

TUESDAY, AUGUST 17
7:30 P.M. Group

THURSDAY, AUGUST 19
7:30 P.M. Fireside Group, Dean & Elsie Widler, 553 Candlelite

FRIDAY, SATURDAY, SUNDAY AUGUST 20, 21, 22
All-Church Camp Out, Chain-o-Lakes State Park

PANTRY NEEDS:

SOUPS
BABY FOOD
CRACKERS
TUNA

PARTICIPATE IN THE WORD

Our Scriptural texts for this com ing Sunday morning are John 6:1-15 i which Jesus takes the loaves an fishes of the little boy and feed the 5,000 and Ephesians 4:1-7, 11-1 in which we find a call for unity an maturity in the church. Read and re read these Scriptures between now an Sunday morning. Talk about what the mean to you with one or more othe persons. What is the word which yo think is valid about Jesus Christ an the church coming from these texts?

Did you ever wonder where the pow er of Jesus is in this whole world only to find out one day, that it wa right within the wondering self? Di you ever find yourself at one o those gruesome dead ends of life onl to be touched again by the magificen power of Christ...and then...you wer made new again? Did you ever loo for miracles all around you only t discover one really big one, righ where you least expected it to be?

Where do I fit in to the life c the church so that it can built it self up in Christ. What does Go really expect of me? Think on thes scriptures in preparation for th sermon, "THE LORD OF BUILDING."

SERVING AUGUST 15

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Mark Snyder and Ralph Church

10:45 A.M. William Franklin and Dean Widler

DEACONS

8:15 A.M. M. Hartman, B. Lehman, C. Hetrick, S. Thompson

10:45 A.M. H. Stevenson, J. Wiley, R. Wortley, S. Knuckles, E. Nordblom, R. Baugher, D. Short

USHERS

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, D. Smith

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, R. Chevalier, H. Stevenson, R. Baugher

GREETERS

8:15 A.M. M. Hartman-NW, B. Lehman-SW

10:45 A.M. D. Short-NW, R. Baugher-SW, E. Nordblom-NE, R. Wortley-SE

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Eunice Conrad and Edna Nordlbom

NURSERY WORKERS

8:15 A.M. N. Schilling

10:45 A.M. C. Busse, P. Norman, P. Campbell

IN HOSPITALS

LUTHERAN: 794 Mrs. Dorothea Baker
M-203 Mr. Gary Hall

PARKVIEW: 737 Mr. Albert Wells
531 Mrs. Irma Irwin

SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED to the family of Hazel Herndon who passed away August 9. Services were August 11.

ATTENTION HARMONY CLASS!!! Mark Sunday, August 22 at 1:00 P.M. on your family's calendar! We are going to Clines for a meal and swim. More details in next week's TIDINGS.

THE MEMBERSHIP DEPARTMENT WILL MEET ON TUESDAY EVENING, AUG. 17

ALL CHURCH FAMILY CAMP OUT

The last all-church family camp out will be this Friday evening through Sunday, August 20-22 at Chain-of-Lakes State Park. Camp sites are $3.00 with electricity, $2.50 without. No group reservations are possible but some will go early and endeavor to save sites close together. If you plan to go, call Miriam Bixenman by August 18. The evening meal on Saturday will be shared potluck. Please provide your own table service. A full worship service will be held on Saturday night and others are invited to come and join us.

COLLEGE AND CAREER SPECIAL ALERT!

College and Career will meet Saturday, August 14 at the home of Jim Taylor, 5215 Werling for fun, fellowship, and Steve's Israel slides. Bring yourselves and friends!

GRAVESIDE SERVICE for stillborn, Kristina Marie Rinker on August 6. She was born on the 2nd. Sympathy is extended to the parents, Dave and Debbie Rinker, and maternal grandparents, Kenneth and Elinor Place.

HELP ON ADDRESS CHANGES

We must now pay 25¢ for all copies of THE TIDINGS which are returned because of a move or loss of address. Please contact the church office with new addresses and also give the time when the new address will be appropriate.

SIGNIFICANT ACTIONS OF THE CHURCH BOARD ON AUGUST 3, 1976

The Board received a report on a Mini-bus or Van for our church. It explained the rationale, policies for operation, and financing. The following two recommendations were approved: "We recommend that publicizing of the need for a Mini-bus on a low-key basis. This would be to raise purchase funds by one or more contributors. This would be the beginning of a Mini-bus Fund for the purchase in the first place and towards operational costs thereafter." and "We recommend a standing Mini-bus Fund for operational costs after the purchase is made. This should be subsidized by a regular Mini-bus allotment of the budget of $400 to $800 annually. Need areas include transportation especially for older members on Sunday and other activities of DMA, classes and CWF and other various trips for cluster, area, regional and national church events; church excursions of one or more days to historical, educational, or benevolent institutions. The cash purchase of a 1976 van was $6,128 to hold 12 persons. By virtue of this action, the church will receive any designated gifts either large or small toward the eventual need and program.

William Love and Linda Wiley were elected to two year terms on the Lay Personnel Committee by the Board. We appreciate the willingness of Marlene Crouse and William Schilling to be considered and nominated also. In the filling of vacancies, Bert Leversee was elected as an Elder representative to the Board of one year; Ennis Brown and Bob Pauley were elected to deacon representatives to the Board for one year; Beverly Hendricks was elected as deaconess representative to the Board for tw years; and Andrea Benny was elected a deaconess to serve one year.

At the recommendation of the Property Committee, the Board voted up to $870 for a two year guaranteed contract with Orkin for dislocating the pigeons from our building. This is felt necessary because of the gutter and roof problems which have been caused by the pigeons.

A working document of goals from the Evangelism was studied. The Board responded postively and asked the committee to solidify its efforts and other committees to learn and move in a similar pattern to this committe There will be likely action on the document on September 7.

Because of withholding $1,100 in outreach support during July, the operating fund moved into the black. The Building Fund paid interest plus $1,000 principal on its loan from the Memorial Funds.

Twenty members were present and regrets were received from five.

CONCENTRATED FALL GROWTH EXPERIENCES

RETREATS FOR WOMEN - Camp Barbee, September 14 & 15

Theme: SAY YES TO LIFE! - 9:00 A.M. Tuesday until 2:30 P.M. on Wednesday. Fran Secrist, Director; Winifred Smith, Guest Stimulator; Joan Williams, staff person. Registration is $15. Contact Miriam Bixenman, Andrea Benny, Ruby Cline, Sandy Zimmerman or the church office to register.

MEN'S RETREAT - Camp Barbee, September 17-19

Theme: MADE IN GOD'S IMAGE - 5:00 P.M. on Friday through Sunday noon lunch. Frank Springer of Indianapolis is the conference enabler of the theme study. Registration is $22. Contact Dr. Cline or the Church office to register.

BIENNIAL ASSEMBLY OF THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH IN INDIANA - Indianapolis

Registration opens at 11:00 A.M. on Thursday, September 30 and closes at 4:00 P.M. on Saturday, October 2. In addition to our Voting Representatives, other youth and adults are invited to participate in the program including Donald Marsh in music, Leander Keck as Bible lecturer, Paul Siebenmorgan, William Tucker, and Gilford Olmsted as speakers. CYF youth will be an important part of the Assembly and their fall event is included on these days. Youth housing is provided in homes in Indianapolis. Contact the church office for registration information.

FORT WAYNE FAITH AT WORK CONFERENCE - October 8 and 9

Theme: "MARKS OF A FAITH COMMUNITY - MOVING INTO A NEW LAND" Guest leaders: Donald D. McLanen and Mur Carrington of the Wellspring Mission Group of Church of the Savior of Washington, D.C. They will be sharing as laity their inward walk with God and the outward dimensions. Participants will be in continuing family groups at the conference for interaction and growth and relationship. Steve Doles is song leader. All are asked to read JOURNEY INWARD, JOURNEY OUTWARD in preparation for the Conference. There will be strong emphasis of silence - prayer - call - daily disciplines and accountability. Registration begins August 24. Calendar this event which will be held from 7:00 P.M. Friday, October 8, until 8:00 P.M. Saturday, October 9 at the First Wayne Street United Methodist Church.

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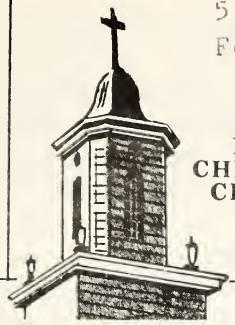

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UMMER INTERN COMPLETES WORK

Steve Doles ends his second summer with us on August 25. He will share Dialogue sermon with Dr. Cline this Sunday morning at 8:15 and 10:45 M. He will lead the Celebration Worship at 8:00 P.M. Steve writes the llowing:

"It's hard to believe that the summer is almost over. I have had such wide variety of experiences that has made it both exciting and meaning-l.

I have enjoyed the added responsibilities which I have been given this mmer in the worship services. Sermon planning and worship leading was e area I was wanting to grow in. I also enjoyed the extra varied act-ities like the Family Camp-Out retreat, the two camps (Hazel Green and rbee), the CYF overnight party with Greensburg. These along with the CYF d College & Career groups, and calling made a very full and valuable mmer.

I would like to thank Dr. Cline and Mrs. Bixenman and the rest of the aff for being so nice and helpful to me. I have enjoyed working with em and learning from them. I would also like to thank Delores and Scott ebortz for allowing me to be a part of their family because thats exact-how I felt and truly appreciate it. To each of you I say thanks for ving me your love and encouragement and I praise God for this opportun-y which you make available for people like me. Whether I enter the min-try or not (I still have a hard time making decisions!) what you have ven me will always be one of the richest experiences of my life."

Thanks!

SERVING AUGUST 22

Elders

8:15 A.M. Ben Taylor and Robert Rayl

10:45 A.M. Harold Crowder and Glenn Miller

Deacons

8:15 A.M. C. Church, D. Young, C. Hetrick, B. Pauley

10:45 A.M. D. Short, R. Krull, E. Conrad, M. Finkhousen, T. Frappier, S. Rayl, S. Schell, C. Cline

Ushers

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, D. Smith

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, R. Chevalier, H. Stevenson. M. Finkhousen

Greeters

8:15 A.M. D. Keebortz-SW, B. Pauley--NW

10:45 A.M. R. Krull-NW, E. Conrad-SW, M. Finkhousen-NE, T. Frappier-SE

Homebound Communion

Cecil Rice - Russell Wortley
William Schilling - Jim Taylor

Communion Preparation

Eunice Conrad and Edna Nordblom

Nursery Workers

8:15 A.M. M. L. Hartzler

10:45 A.M. S. Davis, B. Short, N. Hendricks.

CHURCH CALENDAR

FRIDAY, SATURDAY, SUNDAY

All-Church Camp Out, Chain-O-Lakes State Park.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 22

8:15 A.M. Meditative Worship
9:30 A.M. Church School
10:45 A.M. Divine Worship
1:00 P.M. Harmony Class at Clines for Picnic
8:00 P.M. Celebration Worship

TUESDAY, AUGUST 24

7:30 P.M. Group

IN HOSPITALS

ST. JOSEPH: Mr. Ed Allen 605-Cardiac Care
LUTHERAN: 794-Mrs. Dorotha Baker
PARKVIEW: 737-Mr. Albert Wells
521-Mrs. Irma Irwin

CONGRATULATIONS

To Mr. & Mrs. Robert R. Chevalier as the celebrate 56 years of marriage on Friday, August 20.

GOSPEL SEEKERS CLASS

This class returns from the Summer Bicentennial Study to their through-the-Bible study. In preparation for Sunday, read Job 1:1-2;13; 3, 4-14; 31, 38, 42:1-6 or read the whole book.

Class open to all ages!

HARMONY CLASS PARTY AT CLINES

The Harmony Class will be going to the Cline's on Sunday, August 22 at 1:00 P.M. for a potluck meal and swim. The meat will be furnished (a donation offering will be taken to cover cost of the meat.) Class members should bring another dish and table service for their families. Activities for the afternoon will include swimming and other games. Plan on this day!

LIBRARY CLOSED

Please do not take books from the Library now while it is in transition from the Parlor to the Library Room. Return any books which belong to the Library or to Dr. Cline. Your help at this time will assist in being better able to serve through the library in days ahead.

HILDREN'S SUMMER PROGRAM CONCLUDES

The summer weekday program for children concluded last Thursday with a rip to the Franke Park Zoo. The program this year was quite varied in ts scope, but included four days of Vacation Church School, using a new pen classroom concept in a modified form. The program served some 57 hildren, many from our neighborhood, plus a much larger group who came nly for the movie in July. Karen Flickinger and Nila Schilling of our hristian Education Department, were chairmen, and served as lead teachers for first through fourth grade during the Vacation Church School sessions. In addition to Karen and Nila, we wish to thank the following ho assisted in various ways: Melanie Baugher, Peg Buskirk, Marilyn Byers, Kim Campbell, Eunice Conrad, Dan Church, Betty Grimm, Mildred Hartman, Mary Lou Hartzler, Cindy Hunt, LaVerne Hunt, Jaynie Jenkins, Bobbi ue Johnson, Kim Johnson, Connie Knight, Rosemary Krull, Mrs. Kapp (mother of some of the children), Pat Norman, Vee Parlette, Claire Schryver, ecia Stucker, Mrs. Scott (mother of some of the children, Beth Schilling, Becky Stucky, Metta Stucky, Ken Taylor, Val Taylor, Janet Weicker, teve Doles, Barbara Short, and Miriam Bixenman.

AMILY CAMP OUT

Those who have indicated by Monday that they plan to go on the family amp out this weekend at Chain-O-Lakes State Park included: Marlene rouse, the Ben Taylor Family, Peg Buskirk, Miriam Bixenman, Steve Doles, im & Becky Stucky, John & Julie Stucky, the Chi Rho, CYF and College & areer Groups. Others are still considering going. Please contact Miriam Bixenman if you are planning to attend so that space will be saved or you.

West Creighton Avenue Christian Church is also planning a family camp ut this same weekend at Chain-O-Lakes. The two groups will join for a ot luck dinner on Saturday evening and a camp fire worship service following.

EGION-WIDE FAMILY CAMP OUT

The Indiana Region of the Christian Church is sponsoring its second amily Camp Out at Barbee over the Labor Day weekend. Families may use heir own tents or campers or use the facilities at Barbee. The full eekend for a family of 4 or more ranges from $18.00 to $22.50 depending n facilities used--less for smaller families. Each family provides their wn food. Director is Rev. David Downing of Huntington and keynoters are rank and Loraine Pitman of the Department of Homeland Ministries of the hristian Church. Contact Miriam Bixenman before August 23 for full details.

CHURCH DIRECTORIES IN THE MAIL! ...BUT WE MADE SOME MISTAKES...

After much delay, for which we do apologize, the Church Directories should be in your homes this week. We have discovered some errors, incorrect telephone numbers, persons whose addresses and/or phone numbers have changed since the printing date, and families who have transferred their membership, new members. Below is a list of the corrections we have to date. If you know of others, please call the church office.

RESIDENT MEMBERS

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Drudge, Donna	2131 Selkirk 16	unlisted
Fitch, Miss Anita	835 W. Wayne #108 04	
Huddleston, Art & Florence	2718 Capital 06	456-1547
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Herndon, Hazel (deceased)		
Johnson, Mrs. Edna	219 E. Pettit 06	744-0768
Lesher, Mr. James	6008 Moeller Rd. Lot 146 06	749-5731
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Schmidt, Dorothy		456-4883
Stucker, Miss Necia	8924 Hemphill 19	747-6504
Stucky, Miss Metta		745-1002
Stucky, Jim & Becky		447-3826
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Young, Jefferson & Mildred	4206 S. Wayne Ave. 07	

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Merrill, John Sr., & Connie (transferred)	
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Simons, Kathleen	140 Stratford Place, Lakewood, N.J. 08701
White, Robert, Betty & R. Curtis (transferred)	

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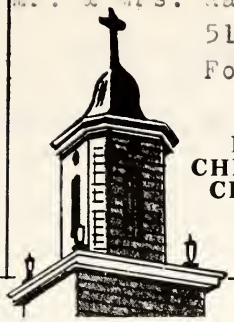

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

TIDINGS

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CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, AUGUST 29
8:15 A.M. Meditative Worship
9:30 A.M. Church School
10:45 A.M. Divine Worship
8:00 P.M. Celebration Worship

TUESDAY, AUGUST 31
6:30 P.M. Persons going by chartered bus to Wagon Wheel Playhouse Production "Salute to Broadway" meet on church parking lot.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1
7:30 P.M. Higdon Group, Irene Cline, 129 E. Lexington Ct.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 2
7:30 P.M. Stewardship & Finance Committee

PANTRY NEEDS

CANNED FRUIT
BABY FOOD
SOUPS
CHILDREN'S CLOTHING

A STATEMENT OF FAITH

FROM STEVE

As I think over this summer, I believe that one of the areas where my faith has grown the most is the area of learning to depend on God. One thing which has bothered me in the past is that I know how to depend on myself and I wasn't honestly feeling that I was always depending on God.

Thise whole idea was emphasized to me as I was a team member at the Illinois Faith at Work Conference. Our team leader reminded us over and over again that it's not our responsibility to draw persons to God, or to make things happen in our church -- that's God's responsibility. But it is our responsibility to honestly care about persons and make ourselves available to God in order to be used by Him so that He can draw others to Himself and so He can make things happen through our church. This doesn't give me or anyone a passport to be lazy, but it gives us a free-

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SERVING AUGUST 29

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Robert Hendricks and Steve Harter

10:45 A.M. Merle Grimm and Jack Weicker

DEACONS

8:15 A.M. K. Place, E. Place, S. Thompson, E. Brown

10:45 A.M. G. Davis, S. Hayes, K. Taylor, J. Taylor, M. Lehman, H. Stevenson, J. Wiley, R. Wortley

USHERS

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, D. Smith

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, R. Chevalier, H. Stevenson

GREETERS

8:15 A.M. K. Place-NW, E. Place-SW

10:45 A.M. S. Hayes-NW, M. Lehman-SW, J. Wiley-NE, R. Wortley-SE

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Delores Keebortz & Russel Wortley

NURSERY WORKERS

8:15 A.M. S. Cotton

10:45 A.M. L. Wiley, N. Lucas, D. Wortley

IN HOSPITALS

ST. JOSEPH
606 Mr. Ed Allen

LUTHERAN
794 Mrs. Dorotha Baker

PARKVIEW
521 Mrs. Erma Irwin

FUNERAL BY PASTOR:

Kenneth Manes, on August 23, 1976. Sympathy is extended to his wife, Violet, and his son, Bill, who was married here last December.

CALL FOR CHANCEL CHOIR

Thursday, September 9, at 7:30 P.M. opens the choir season--All singers are invited to weekly rehearsals and regular singing during our worship at 10:45 A.M. Child care is provided for rehearsals.

DMA TO WAGON WHEEL PLAYHOUSE

At this writing five tickets were still available for the Wagon Wheel Playhouse production, "Salute to Broadway". The DMA is sponsoring this trip by chartered bus to Warsaw on August 31. Persons going will meet on the church parking lot at 6:30 P.M. The remaining tickets will be sold on a first-come, first served basis by calling Rolland Ripple, 440-2564.

CONGRATULATIONS ON BIRTH!

To David and Darla Pence, on the birth of a son, Michael Allen on August 20, 1976.

To Mr. and Mrs. Mike Widler, on the birth of a daughter, Sky Alexander on August 22, 1976. Paternal grandparents are Dean and Elsie Widler.

SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED

To William Love and family in the death of his mother, Audrey Love, on August 22, 1976.

NEW CHURCH SCHOOL YEAR TO BEGIN

Sunday, September 12, will be CELEBRATION SUNDAY and PROMOTION DAY in our Church's School. On that day all classes will also be returning to their regular rooms, for we will then be reentering our newly remodeled top floor of the educational building. It is the intent of the Christian Education Department to have "OPEN HOUSE" in our children's and youth rooms both before and after the second worship hour, so all can see how beautiful they really are.

September 12 is the day for everyone to be in church school and begin a new year of study. The theme for study in the Nursery through Youth classes, and in those adult classes using the Uniform Lessons is "Responding to God's Call to Live in Christ." There is a class for everyone from 0-100 or over. WE WANT YOU! Class offerings are as follows:

CHILDREN AND YOUTH

CRIB and TODDLERS - Toddlers under age 2 on October 1. Linda King, attendant and teacher. Room 236.

NURSERY - 2 or 3 year olds (before October 1). Lois Finkhousen and Karen Zimmerman, teachers. Room 235.

KINDERGARTEN - children starting public school Kindergarten this fall or the fall of 1977. Marilyn Frappier, Marilyn Byers, and Nila Schilling, teachers. Room 131.

ELEMENTARY I - Grades 1 & 2 - Eunice Conrad and Schellie Schell, teachers of grade 1 in Room 132. Karen Flickinger and an assistant still to be secured, teaching grade 2 in Room 133.

ELEMENTARY II - Grades 3 & 4 - Marlene Crouse and Jim Taylor, teachers in Room 330.

ELEMENTARY III - Grades 5 & 6 - Peggy Buskirk and Edna Nordblom, teachers in Room 331.

YOUTH I - Grades 7 & 8 - Bernie Norman and a regular substitute still to be secured, teacher, in Room 336.

YOUTH II & III - Grades 9 - 12 - Ross Harter and a regular substitute to be secured, teacher, in Room 335.

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ADULT CLASSES

COLLEGE & CAREER - A Class for singles beyond high school age. Bruce Lehman is the convenor. Room 333.

CHRISTIANS UNDER CONSTRUCTION - (a class for those under 35) - Dean and Elsie Widler and Joe and Linda Wiley, teachers. Room 115.

HARMONY CLASS - (a class for couples and singles in 30's & 40's) Jack Weicker, teacher. Room 119.

GOSPEL SEEKERS CLASS - A Bible Study Class for all ages, singles and couples. Harold E. Cline, teacher. Room 120.

COME DOUBLE CLASS - A class for couples or singles 40+. Edna Vaught, teacher. Room 116.

FRIENDLY BEREAN CLASS - A Bible Study Class for all ages. Jack Williams, teacher. Room 231.

PROGRESSIVE CLASS - A Class for those 60+. Harold Crowder, teacher. Meets in Chapel, Room 220.

RETREAT FOR WOMEN

A very special experience is available to women! On Tuesday and Wednesday, September 14 & 15, there will be a retreat at Barbee Camp especially for women (of all ages). Theme for the event is: "SAY YES TO LIFE". The schedule runs from 9:30 A.M. on Tuesday to 2:30 P.M. on Wednesday. Registration fee is $15.00 Leaders will be Mrs. Joseph (Winnifred) Smith (who spoke at our Celebration Worship and our CWF May Breakfast) and Joan Williams, who was our speaker for Pentecost Sunday a year ago. Both ladies are from Indianapolis, with Joan serving on our regional staff. Contact Ruby Cline, Miriam Bixenman, or the church office for registration blanks and full details. At this writing, going from this church will be Ruby Cline, Judy Church, Margaret Jenkins, Connie Wells, and Miriam Bixenman. Other interested persons should have registrations in by September 1.

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STEVE (from page one)
freedom to not carry the burden of the world on our shoulders. With Him carrying the burden, and working through us, He can accomplish His work here on earth and we can be part of it! God is dependable and I'm going to remember that as I go back home and then back to school.

AN ADDITIONAL THANK YOU....

Three names were omitted from the list of those who assited in putting the church directories together, namely--Melanie Baugher, Ken Taylor, and Pat Norman. The office staff greatly appreciates all of the volunter help we had with this project!

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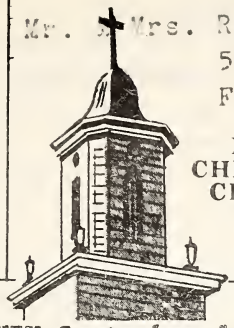

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH TIDINGS

HAROLD E. CLINE, EDITOR

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CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 5
8:15 A.M. Meditative Worship
9:30 A.M. Church School
10:45 A.M. Divine Worship
6:30 P.M. CYF
8:00 P.M. Celebration Worship

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 6
Labor Day - Church Office Closed

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7
7:30 P.M. Board of Trustees

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8
9:00 A.M. Spice Group, Pauline Snyder, 4709 Schaper Dr.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 9
7:30 P.M. Chancel Choir

PANTRY NEEDS

MAIN DISH DINNERS
CANNED FRUIT
CRACKERS

DEAR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF FIRST CHRISTIAN

As Moderator of the Congregation, it becomes my task from time to time to inform members and friends of the church about significant happenings within our own church family. At no time is this particular function of the Moderator more important than when such "happenings" involve the life of the pastor himself.

Last Wednesday evening, August 25, officers of the congregation along with the chairman of the Pastoral Care Committee met for about an hour with Dr. Cline at his request. During the course of this meeting, Dr. Cline shared with the group that he was a "hurting pastor" struggling with himself concerning basic decisions having to do with his own life and future. His concluding statement that he had been advised to take some time away from his responsibilities so that he might work through problems and get some much-needed rest met with an immediate response from your of-

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SERVING SEPTEMBER 5

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Ross Harter and Robert Johnson

10:45 A.M. Bert Leversee and Cecil Rice

DEACONS

8:15 A.M. C. Church, M. Hartman, C. Hetrick, B. Pauley

10:45 A.M. S. Knuckles, E. Nordblom, D. Short, R. Krull, E. Conrad, M. Finkhousen, T. Frappier, S. Rayl

USHERS

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, D. Smith

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GREETERS

8:15 A.M. C. Hetrick-NW, D. Keebortz-SW

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HOMEBOUND COMMUNION

Robert Hendricks - Rocky Baugher
Ben Taylor - Marvin Crouse

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Delores Keebortz and Russell Wortley

NURSERY WORKERS

8:15 A.M. M. Arruza

10:45 A.M. B. Hayes, J. Ott, K. Johnson

IN HOSPITALS

PARKVIEW:
541 Mrs. Metta Stucky

ST. JOSEPH:
607 Mr. Ed Allen

LUTHERAN
871 Mrs. Nancy Wortley
791 Mrs. Dorothea Baker
M-209 Mrs. Sadie Dunham (Harold Nordblom's sister)

REDEDICATION OF LIFE

On Sunday evening, August 22, Scott Rayl rededicated his life to Christ at our Celebration Worship Service. We rejoice with Scott in this recommitment.

SYMPATHY

We extend the sympathy and Christian love of this church to Jack Sauerwein and his family and to his mother, in the death of Jack's father, Mr. Elmer Sauerwein, this past weekend.

NOTICE TO TEACHERS

We plan to have an open house in our church school rooms on Sunday, September 12. We ask that you plan to spend some time arranging your rooms for display prior to that time, and that you plan to be in your rooms that day 15 minutes before church school begins, 10 minutes after church school, and 15 minutes after the second worship service. We will be entering our renovated top floor on this date.

NOTES OF THANKS

Glenn and Lola Miller wish to thank all their friends for the many notes, cards, words of concern and prayers at the time of Glenn's recent hospitalization, and to thank Dr. Cline and Miriam Bixenman for their calls.

Your kindness and sympathy are more deeply appreciated than any words of thanks can ever express.

Hazel Herndon Family

WEEKLY STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH FORT WAYNE, INDIANA

FALL, 1976

We believe that the Christian Life is truly a growth pilgrimage toward our Lord, Jesus Christ. It is always our desire to offer opportunities for personal enrichment and growth, in order that we may all better minister to and serve others. We desire always to know God better and to serve Him and one another in ever increasing ways.

In order to lead us in this direction, the following study opportunities are being offered this fall:

LIVING THE ADVENTURE (Prerequisite: Completion of one of the EDGE OF ADVENTURE series offered during the past two years)

I. Sunday evenings, 5:15 - 6:45 P.M., beginning September 19.

II. Thursday mornings, 9:30 - 11:00 A.M., beginning September 16.

Miriam Bixenman will be the teacher for both sections.

RESOURCES: Reading Book - LIVING THE ADVENTURE, by Bruce Larson and Keith Miller. This book deals with faith, hidden difficulties, and hard questions. There is a response manual for each person, and cassette tapes similar to those used in EDGE OF ADVENTURE.

This course deals with some of the real difficulties of Christian Living, including loneliness, confession, money, power, sexuality, uniqueness, success, change, and death. Cost: $6.00 for Reading Book and Response Guide. Register with Miriam Bixenman. Minimum for each section: 6.

LIFE WITHOUT LIMITS: A study of the Gospel According to Mark. This is the current text being used by the Monday Morning Study Group. This group meets every other Monday, beginning September 13 from 10:00 - 11:30 A.M. Cost of this book is $4.75. Leadership is shared. This group is open to any who wish to come, whether as long term members, or just for this one book.

DEAR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS (from page one)

ficers and a plan was put into effect to see that a complete release from normal duties begin forthwith. This "sabbatical" would be for the purpose of renewing the pastor both physically and mentally.

At this writing, Dr. Cline hopes to be back in the pulpit on September 19. In the meantime, Mrs. Bixenman will cover office and pastoral responsibilities and Jim Suggs, the President of Christian Church Services of Indianapolis, will fill the pulpit on Sunday mornings.

Your officers are certain that these arrangements meet with your approval. Our only regret is that Dr. Cline has given so much of himself to us and to others that he has jeapardized his own health and well-being in the process.

We humbly pray that God will restore him in body and spirit so that his great work can continue among us. Won't you join us in this prayer? Won't you express to him, too, in cards and messages your love and concern for him and for his ministry?

J.E. Weicker,
Moderator

CHURCH SCHOOL PROMOTION POLICY

Each year we are asked by parents of our very young children, "Will my child go into the other nursery this year?" The policy we follow has been arranged for the good of the children, and is in conformity with the public school ruling on school entrance. All children will be promoted to the grade conforming to their public school grade. In the case of pre school children, children will go from the Crib and Toddler's room into the 2 & 3 year Nursery if they will have reached their second birthday by October 1. They will go from the 2 & 3 year Nursery into the Kindergarten Room if they will have turned 4 before October 1. They will go from Kindergarten into first grade if they are ready to enter public school first grade this fall--be six years old before October 1. By adhering to this plan, children will not have difficulty fitting into youth events (youth assemblies on a district and regional level, camps and conferences) when they reach the proper age. Adjusting to this plan at a young age is easy. As teenagers, it can be most frustrating if this plan has not been followed.

THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES WILL MEET ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 1976 AT 7:30 P.M. IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM.

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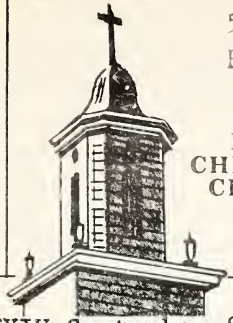

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CHURCH CALENDAR

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 11
8:00 P.M. Faith at Work, First Baptist Church

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12
8:15 A.M. Meditative Worship
9:30 A.M. Church School
10:45 A.M. Divine Worship
5:15 P.M. Youth Groups
7:00 P.M. Covenant Players

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 13
10:00 A.M. Study Group
1:00 P.M. Gamboe Group, Hazel Crouse, 6502 S. Calhoun
7:30 P.M. Outreach & Service Committee
7:30 P.M. Brummel Group, Beth Schwartz, 3805 S. Harrison
7:30 P.M. Guild, Mildred Hartman, 422 W. Oakdale

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14
7:30 P.M. Evangelism Committee

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 16
10:00 A.M. Living the Adventure
7:30 P.M. Chancel Choir
7:30 P.M. Widow's Group, Evelyn Shock, 1633 Shamrock Rd.

PANTRY NEEDS:
CRACKERS, SOUPS, NOODLES
INSTANT COFFEE

OPEN HOUSE IN NEW ROOMS

This Sunday, September 12, will be a big day at First Christian Church! It is Promotion Day in our Church School. This means that all students will be promoted to classes corresponding to their public school grade or anticipated class. Labor Day is over, and a full church schedule begins. We urge everyone to be here, ready to give God first place in their life and activities.

We have long awaited the day when we might begin using our newly remodeled rooms on the top floor of our educational wing. Sunday is that day! Ed Allen and the Building and Grounds Committee are to be saluted for their work and devotion in seeing this project through. Our teachers are to be thanked, also, for their patience and endurance when we were doubling rooms, had no place to store materials, and far from good teaching quarters, in many cases. Many thanks to all!

We know everyone is anxious to see the new rooms, so the Christian Education Committee chaired by

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SERVING SEPTEMBER 12

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Fred Smell and Harold Crowder

10:45 A.M. Rolland Ripple and William Schilling

DEACONS

8:15 A.M. E. Place, K. Place, D. Allen, E. Brown

10:45 A.M. S. Schell, C. Cline, G. Davis, S. Hayes, K. Taylor, J. Taylor, D. Young, M.L. Hartzler

USHERS

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10:45 A.M. M.L. Hartzler-NW, C. Cline-SW, D. Young-NE, S. Hayes-SE

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Marge Lehman and Bruce Lehman

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

Ben and Val Taylor

NURSERY WORKERS

8:15 A.M. A. Lee

10:45 A.M. R. Krull, C. Akers, C. Cline

IN HOSPITALS

PARKVIEW:

541 Mrs. Metta Stucky

ST. JOSEPH:

407 Charles Speicker

LUTHERAN:

791 Mrs. Dorothea Baker

784 Mrs. Fran Eckert

RESPONSES TO INVITATION:

MRS. THELMA HAXTON, 4515 Sanford Lane -16, 447-6086, identified with our congregation in a transfer of membership from the First Christian Church in Hobart, Indiana. Mrs. Haxton is the sister of Hortense Stevenson and now living in Fort Wayne. We welcome her into our church family!

CYF CAR WASH

The CYF will be sponsoring a Car Wash on our parking lot from 9:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M. on Saturday, September 25. Donation is $1.50. Come, get your car clean for the fall, and help our kids buy furnishings for the newly completed Youth Lounge!

WEEKLY STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

Remember to sign up for one of the weekly study opportunities to be held this fall, if you have not already done so. There will be two sections of the "LIVING THE ADVENTURE" group one beginning on Thursday, September 16 at 10:00 A.M., meeting weekly on Thursdays, and one beginning on Sunday, September 19, at 5:15, meeting weekly on Sundays. The prerequisite for this course is completion of one of the previous sections of "EDGE OF ADVENTURE." Other persons interested in a Bible Study are invited to join the Monday Morning Study Group, to study "LIFE WITHOUT LIMITS" by Lloyd Ogilvie. This is a study of the Gospel according to Mark. See Miriam Bixenman to enroll in any of these opportunities.

COVENANT PLAYERS HERE SUNDAY EVENING!

This Sunday evening beginning at 7:00 P.M. in our Worship Nave, we have the privilege of hosting the Covenant Players.

WHO ARE THE COVENANT PLAYERS? A group which had its beginning in 1963 which travels throughout the United States and Canada and this year will also be performing in Europe, Asia, and Australia. The players are self-supporting and they have performed over 150,000 times in ten countries since its conception. The group has a repertorie which includes more than 450 one-act plays and shorter vignettes on a variety of subjects.

WHAT WILL THE COVENANT PLAYERS OFFER US? Drama which will afford us an opportunity to look at ourselves and how we relate our Christianity to the world around us. The group calls it "Christian Dynamics" because they see Christianity as a dynamic force demanding the very best that is in us at all times. Their purpose is to generate people into a more exciting, deep and purposeful acceptance and dedication to the commitment they have already made--or begun.

This will take the place of our regular Sunday evening Celebration Worship and will be held in our Worship Nave. This is an opportunity to share in an excellent program--bring your friends. In accordance with our contract with the group, a free-will offering will be taken for the group.

OPEN HOUSE (from page one)
Jerry Zimmerman, is prepared to conduct guided tours of the rooms, both on the top floor and the newly decorated rooms on the ground floor. Guides from the Education Committee will be at the north or south doors of the sanctuary before and after Church School and following second worship hour to guide you through the rooms. COME SEE WHAT YOUR MONEY HAS DONE HERE AT FIRST CHRISTIAN.

Following the tours, when you will have opportunity to meet teachers in their rooms, come to Fellowship Hall after second service and enjoy a coffee hour together. Val and Ben Taylor will be hosts.

EVERYONE IS WELCOME FOR THE FULL MORNING IN WORSHIP, CLASSES AND FOR TOURS!

WIDOWS GROUP TO MEET

Evelyn Shock will be host for the Widow's Group at her home, 1633 Shamrock Rd., at 7:30 P.M. on Thursday evening, September 16. This group is simply a fellowship and caring group for any who have lost their mates by death (widows or widowers). Come and enjoy an evening of fun and fellowship together. Contact Miriam Bixenman if you need transportation.

BIBLES TO NEW THIRD GRADERS

Next Sunday, September 12, all those who will be entering third grade are asked to sit with Mrs. Flickinger on the front north side of the sanctuary in a group at second worship service. These

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ATTENDING CWF RETREAT

We are pleased to have 11 of our women attending the CWF Retreat at Barbee Camp on Tuesday & Wednesday, September 14 & 15. Attending the Retreat will be : Val Taylor, Judy Church, Margaret Jenkins, Miriam Bixenman, Susie Watson, Pat Norman, Ruby Cline, Peggy Buskirk, Connie Wells, Andrea Benny, and Rose Jenkins.

A THANK YOU LETTER FROM THE REGION

On behalf of the Indiana Region and in particular the Commission on Camps, we wish to express thanks to the congregation of the First Christian Church in Fort Wayne for the $2,000 gift to the Region.

We have consulted with an architect and have received two tentative sketches and plans for a utility building at Barbee. The Commission on Camps will be meeting September 13, to give consideration to the building and to agree upon final plans for its construction. It is our hope to break ground this fall and perhaps get it under the roof so that some of the inside work could be done during the winter period.

Again, our thanks to the congregation for this special over and above gift to the Barbee Christian Camp.

Jim Keown,
Associate Regional Minister

BIBLES (from column one)
boys and girls will be presented with the New Testament in Modern English with full color pictures. This is a gift from the church as they enter third grade.

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65,000 PEOPLE SAID "YES!"

(Editorial from Central Christian Church, Dallas, Texas, written by E.C. Rowand.)

THE SETTING: Saturday night, August 28, the Cowboy Football Field, a sellout with 65,000 happy fans at the end of the game because our heroes had won 20 to 10!

THE MODERN PARABLE: I was there, enjoying every moment of this special victory over the team that had knocked us out of the World Championship last year. I was there in the stands, watching 22 men on the field playing the game when, in the midst of all the excitement, it occurred to me that the difference between this game and Central Christian Church is: In one I am a spectator; in the other I am a vital participant. In one other people are fighting the battle, getting involved in the issues, getting hit and bruised and yet having most of the fun while I look on. In the church we are all called to "come out on the fields," become personally involved, sometimes get a bit battered, yet have the fun and excitement of intentionalized commitment.

CONCLUSION: When Jesus called you to "Come, follow me!" it was not a call to a spectator sport. You are called into His Church, which calls for the personal commitment of your whole life! It is a call to join hands with the Master in a battle for the souls of the people of the world. And that, my dear friend, is not for the timid or terrified. This is "costly grace", in which Christ's call is loud and clear: "If any man would follow me, let him deny himself, take up his cross...." Let me say it once more: That is not a call to watch the game, but a call to get out of the stands, go our on the playing field and go to work. If every member of the American Church would do just that, let me tell you our communities would take on a new outlook.

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SERVING SEPTEMBER 19

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Ben Taylor and Mark Snyder

10:45 A.M. William Franklin and Dean Widler

DEACONS

8:15 A.M. C. Church, M. Hartman, C. Hetrick, B. Pauley

10:45 A.M. M. Lehman, H. Stevenson, J. Wiley, R. Wortley, S. Knuckles, E. Nordblom, R. Baugher, T. Frappier

USHERS

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, D. Smith

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, R. Chevalier, H. Stevenson

GREETERS

8:15 A.M. D. Keebortz-NW, M. Hartman-SW

10:45 A.M. R. Baugher-NW, H. Stevenson-SW, J. Wiley-NE, R. Wortley-SE

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Marge Lehman and Bruce Lehman

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

Kenneth & Elinor Place

HOMEBOUND COMMUNION

Merle Grimm-Don Short

Robert Rayl-Max Finkhousen

NURSERY WORKERS

8:15 A.M. B. Schilling

10:45 A.M. A. Benny, S. Fleck, B. Finkhousen

IN HOSPITALS

LUTHERAN:

784 Mrs. Fran Eckert

562 Mr. William DeVinney

ST. JOSEPH:

809 Mr. Ralph Reynolds

712 Mr. Raymond Russell

503 Mr. William Halbrook

407 Mr. Charles Speicher

NEW MEMBER

MRS. MILDRED WALSH, Glenacres Nursing Home, 3420 E. State St. 46805, indicated that she wished to identify with our congregation. She comes in a transfer of membership from the Christian Church in Kimmel, Indiana.

AUGUST AVERAGES

Worship	247
Church School	93
Budget Giving	$1,633.02
Building Fund	366.06

NEW MEMBERS - JULY & AUGUST

Necia Dawn Stucker

Mrs. Dessie Buchman

Mrs. Edna Johnson

SERVING ELSEWHERE

Ruby Cline will serve on a team for Clubter meetings in the Illinois-Wisconson Region, from September 18-25.

Don and Barbara Short are serving on a Lay Witness Mission Team coordinated by Cliff Johnson at First United Methodist Church in Adrain, Michigan this weekend. Pray for these as they go!

WANTED: Your attendance Sunday, September 26 to list your ideas on needed improvements, innovative programs, new equipment. Budget making is approaching. Your "input" is needed.

Your Finance Committee

CWF GENERAL MEETING SEPTEMBER 21

The first General CWF meeting will be held Tuesday evening, September 21 at 7:30 P.M. in the Church Parlor. Andy Benny and Sandy Zimmerman, co-presidents, will preside at a business meeting which will outline this year's General CWF activities. Barbara Short, study chairwoman is the program leader. Pat Norman, worship chairwoman will lead worship. The Brummel Group will be hostesses.

The Christian Women's Fellowship is an organization for all women of the church. Eight special activities are planned for the coming church year. October 26 will be the visit to the Emily Flinn Home in Marion. On November 16, our CWF will be host to the CWF groups from West Creighton and North at our Harvest Tea at 1:30 P.M. January 18 at 12:00 noon will be a Salad Potluck and program. The Mother-Daughter Banquet is scheduled for March 15 at 6:30. A new event this year will be a Sacrificial Luncheon during Holy Week on April 5, at 11:15 A.M. (the early hour provides time for a business meeting before the luncheon.) Because we feel our working women should be able to participate in our May Breakfast, it will be on Saturday this year--May 14 at 9:30 A.M. The Installation of Officers will be June 21 at 6:30 with a picnic on the lawn of the church. Child care will be provided for all daytime events.

REGIONAL ASSEMBLY

Our 1976 Regional Assembly will be held in Indianapolis September 30, October 1 & 2. Those attending from this church include: George Bruckman, Mildred Hartman, Mildred Hutchinson, and Diana Wortley as our official elected voting delegates; Harold Cline and Miriam Bixenman as our ministerial voting delegates; Melanie Baugher who is a voting delegate by virtue of her office as state CYF president; and Ruby Cline, Patricia Campbell, Ken Taylor, Necia Stucker, Randy Stucker, Anne Lee, Kathy Lee, and Jayne Jenkins as non-voting delegates.

In addition to the above persons, this year the state is seeking persons who are willing to support our Regional Assembly, but who cannot attend. A special offering is being received across the state for this purpose. The suggested offering is $1.00 per person, and a printed "Our Covenant" card will be presented to each person making a $1.00 donation. Please send your gift to the church office, making checks payable to First Christian Church. We will then send one check to cover all such donations. If a person making a donation later decides to attend the Assembly, he will be given credit for this donation on his registration fee. One of the "Our Covenant" cards is on display on the bulletin board opposite the office.

65,000 (from page one)
POSTLUDE: Every Sunday, unless you are ill or at necessary work, come to worship, joyfully, faithfully, hopefully involved.

(LOCAL COMMENT: May we allow this parable and comment to be a call to prayer, to worship, to giving generously, and to serve faithfully in response to Jesus Christ.)

CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 19
8:15 A.M. Meditative Worship
9:30 A.M. Church School
10:45 A.M. Divine Worship
5:30 P.M. Youth Groups
5:30 P.M. Living the Adventure
7:00 P.M. Celebration Worship

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 20
10:00 A.M. Study Group

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21
7:30 P.M. CWF General Meeting

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22
7:30 P.M. Lay Personel Committee

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 23
9:30 A.M. Living the Adventure
7:30 P.M. Chancel Choir

PANTRY NEEDS:
BOYS CLOTHING SIZES 6, 7, & 8
SOUPS
CRACKERS

LAST CALL FOR RECIPES

The Brummel Group is asking a last time for recipes to be included in our all-church recipe book. Please turn in recipes to the church office or a member of the Brummel Group. The deadline is October 15! We will have these available for purchase in November in time for Christmas cooking and giving.

CHI RHO FELLOWSHIP

Chi Rho Fellowship for all 7th & 8th grade boys and girls, will begin regular fall meetings this Sunday afternoon at 5:30 P.M. Scott Rayl and Bruce Lehman will serve as counselors for the group.

CYF TO ELECT OFFICERS

This past Sunday evening, our CYF nominated the following slate of officers for the coming year:

Diana Wortley
Jayne Jenkins President
(the person not elected will serve as vice-president)
Melanie Baugher
Patricia Campbell Secretary
Dan Church
Anne Lee Treasurer

Officers will be elected at the regular CYF meeting this Sunday.

CALL FOR PANTRY HELP!

Women are needed who would be on call for a half day a week to come and fill Pantry Orders when referrals are made. Calls are received at home and then you come only if a referral is made during your half day. Call Betty Grimm is you would serve - 456-7808.

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A MESSAGE FROM THE MODERATOR

(Please note: In case you were not at worship last Sunday and missed the Moderator's report, that message, along with the September 18 letter from Harold and Ruby, are printed below so that you may be informed of the developments of the past week and a half.)

I couldn't help but reflect last evening as I thought of this report to you that I believe every now and again we as individuals and as institutions must move through periods of darkness and even despair so that we may find new days of glorious light. I believe we may have been working through such a period in the ministry of our church during the past week.

I had meetings with our pastor at his request on Monday and Tuesday evenings. On Wednesday evening the officers of the congregation met with him to hear of his plans to leave his pastorate here. And, as you know, on Thursday a letter of resignation was mailed to members and friends of the congregation. Your officers had received this letter on Wednesday evening and there seemed little to do but to accept with profound regret Dr. Cline's decision to resign.

On Thursday our pastor and his wife were in Indianapolis all day. On Friday morning Harold called to request a meeting where he and Ruby could sit down to talk with Janet and me. We did meet and on the basis of that meeting another meeting was called for seven o'clock on Friday evening, again with the officers of the Board. From that meeting, in which both Harold and Ruby participated, came a second letter which I am privileged to read to you at this time. This letter of September 18 from both Harold and Ruby is as follows:

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SERVING SEPTEMBER 26

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Ralph Church and Robert Rayl

10:45 A.M. Dean Widler and Glenn Miller

DEACONS

8:15 A.M. K. Place, E. Place, S. Thompson, D. Allen

10:45 A.M. R. Krull, E. Conrad, M. Finkhousen, D. Short, S. Rayl, S. Schell, C. Cline, G. Davis

USHERS

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, D. Smith

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, R. Chevalier, H. Stevenson

GREETERS

8:15 A.M. S. Thompson-NW, D. Allen-SW

10:45 A.M. R. Krull-NW, E. Conrad-SW, S. Schell-NE, C. Cline-SE

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Delores Keeberts and Joe Wiley

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

Sam and Barb Hayes

NURSERY WORKERS

8:15 A.M. N. Schilling

10:45 A.M. L. Wiley, C. Busse, N. Hendricks

IN HOSPITALS

LUTHERAN: 784 Mrs. Frances Eckert
475 Mrs. Thomas Hardy

ST. JOSEPH: 809 Mr. Ralph Reynolds

PARKVIEW: 438 Mrs. Elaine Conrad

SERVING ELSEWHERE:

This weekend, Dean Widler will be coordinating a Lay Witness Mission at Clear Creek, Indiana. Serving on his team will be: Elsie Widler, Marlene Crouse, Pat Norman.

RECONCILIATION OFFERING - SEPTEMBER 26 & OCTOBER 3

RECENT BAPTISMS

At the SMC Retreat September 14 & 15, Rose Jenkins asked to be immersed in the lake there, asking Ruby Cline to perform the baptism. Ruby consented to do this and was assisted by Miriam Bixenman reading scripture and invocing God's blessing on Rose's decision. This was a most meaningful and fitting climax to a very thrilling retreat, not only for our 11 women who attended, but for the balance of the 44 women there. This was the second baptism performed by a lay person in our congregation in recent weeks. Some weeks ago, at Celebration Worship, Dean Widler baptized Susan Watson, at her request, with Dr. Cline present. Such baptisms are very meaningful and quite scriptural, since Jesus said in the great commission for all to go into all the world, teaching and baptizing. He did not say only ordained clergy, but all of us. Both Ruby and Dean have acted upon this, the great commission.

SECOND ALERT!

Attendance needed Sunday, September 26. Register your ideas for improving church programs, equipment and facilities. Bulletin insert available for your checking at both services.

Your Finance Committee

THANK YOU

The Choir and congregation wish to thank Harold Crowder for designing and making the new music stand for the worship nave. It's beautiful!

A MESSAGE FROM THE MODERATOR (from page one)

DEAR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH:

We regret the shock and trauma which Harold's letter of resignation has caused.

The basic problem which brought him to this decision has been a martial one. We recognize and apologize for the injury to one another and to others. It is our intent to work together towards overcoming our conflicts and problems and thus function as a Christian couple.

In light of this stance, we are asking that the letter of resignation be rescinded.

If our witness in word, deed, and leadership has been blunted too much, or if our continuing would be divisive for the congregation, we desire not to continue as pastor and wife here. Whether or not the Board determines that it is in the best interest of the congregation that we continue here, we are rejoicing in our new relationship with one another.

May we express to all of you deep appreciation for the love and care shown us.

In Christian love,
Harold and Ruby Cline

I need not tell you how difficult it must have been to write this last letter. In line with this letter, our pastor and his wife have asked for an opportunity to meet with the Board to discuss their request to continue their ministry here. That Board meeting will be held on September 28 at 7:30 P.M. In the meantime, Reverend James Suggs will continue to fill the pulpit today and at least through next Sunday while Harold and Ruby are on vacation.

It would be my hope that in the days immediately ahead we would remember Harold and Ruby Cline in our prayers and that we would also pray that this congregation, with God's help, will move forward from recent moments of darkness and despair into new days truly filled with glorious light.

Jack E. Weicker,
Moderator of the Congregation
and Board

CHURCH CALENDAR

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

11:00 A.M. CYF Car Wash
4:00 P.M. Progressive Class Picnic, Lions Park

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

8:15 A.M. Meditative Worship
9:30 A.M. Church School
10:45 A.M. Divine Worship
5:15 P.M. Living the Adventure
5:30 P.M. Youth Groups
7:00 P.M. Celebration Worship

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

7:00 P.M. Values & Ethics Group

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

12:00 Noon DMA Potluck & Program
7:30 P.M. Board of Trustees

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

9:30 A.M. Living the Adventure
7:30 P.M. Chancel Choir
Regional Assembly begins in Indianapolis

PANTRY NEEDS: CEREALS, FRUIT JUICES, MACARONI & NOODLES

CYF ELECTS

Our CYF elected the following officers this past Sunday evening: Diana Wortley, President; Jayne Jenkins, Vice President; Anne Lee, Treasurer; and Melanie Baugher, Secretary. These officers, with Ralph and Judy Church as sponsors, will be leading the group through the year.

ALTERNATE DELEGATE TO ATTEND ASSEMBLY

Our voting delegate, George Bruckman, finds it impossible to attend the Regional Assembly in Indianapolis September 30, October 1 & 2. Therefore, Mildred Hutchinson, who was the alternate, will be attending in his place.

CYF SPONSORED CAR WASH
Saturday, September 25 from 11:00 - 4:00
Donation -- $1.50
Proceeds to go toward purchase of new furnishings and curtains for their newly renovated church school classroom and lounge.

LET IT BEGIN WITH ME

Oh, what can I do? What can I do to mend the divisions caused by poverty and race. The Outreach Committee would like to give you a way you can help. September 26 is the Sunday to collect a Reconciliation offering Instead of telling you how much we need, we would like you to know where the money goes. Almost 50% of our money stays right here in our region - helping to solve the problems of poor and minority group. 50% goes into a general fund. Funds are not used to improve buildings or for business ventures. Next week, specific programs will be listed Reconciliation needs you to break down the barriers which divide the human race.

Armella Newman, Outreach and Service Committee

NEW STUDY OPPORTUNITY

The Harmony Class is sponsoring a study opportunity for anyone interested. Beginning Monday evening, September 27 and continuing to meet the last Monday of the month at 7:00 P.M. Steve Harter will lead "Values and Ethics" If questions, contact Steve Harter, 747-4328.

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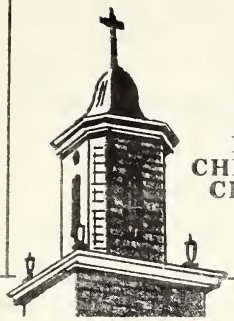

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MODERATOR'S REPORT ON BOARD MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 28.....

There were several items of business handled at the Board meeting last Tuesday evening on which a report should go to the membership. The items dealt with and the actions taken are as follows:

1. Letter of resignation written by Dr. Cline and the letter asking for the rescinding of the resignation written by Dr. and Mrs. Cline.

   The Moderator reviewed the chronology of the past several weeks and then called on Dr. and Mrs. Cline to speak directly to the Board (and to some twenty-five members of the congregation not on the Board who were in attendance) as the minister and his wife had requested.

   After listening to the statements of Dr. and Mrs. Cline concerning their lives and their dreams for the future, an opportunity was given for direct questions to the Clines by all in attendance. The Clines then left the meeting and additional time was given for a continuation of the discussion of their request to continue at First Christian.

   At the end of the discussion, the Board voted by secret ballot to "re-affirm" the Clines in their ministry here by a vote of 26 to 1.

   In supporting action *the Board voted to send the recommendation of the Board that the Clines be reaffirmed to the members of the congregation in attendance at worship at all three services this Sunday, October 3. A secret ballot will be handed out at these worship services so that all members in attendance have an opportunity to vote on the Board recommendation.*

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SERVING OCTOBER 3

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Robert Hendricks and Ross Harter

10:45 A.M. Steve Harter and Robert Johnson

DEACONS

8:15 A.M. M. Hartman, C. Church, B. Lehman, M.L. Hartzler

10:45 A.M. K. Taylor, S. Hayes, D. Young, M. Lehman, H. Stevenson, J. Wiley, R. Wortley, S. Knuckles

USHERS

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, D. Smith

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, R. Chevalier, H. Stevenson

GREETERS

8:15 A.M. M. Hartman-SW, C. Church-NW

10:45 A.M. K. Taylor-SW, S. Hayes-NW, D. Young-NE, M. Lehman-SE

HOMEBOUND COMMUNION

Glenn Miller-Scott Rayl

Margaret Love-Tom Frappier

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Carole Lee and Andrea Benny

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

Ross and Betty Harter

NURSERY WORKERS

8:15 A.M. J. Jenkins

10:45 A.M. P. Norman, N. Lucas, D. Wortley

IN HOSPITALS

LUTHERAN: 475 Mrs. Bertiana Hardy

PARKVIEW: 438 Mrs. Elaine Conrad

50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to Bill and Mamie Caldwell who celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary on Monday, September 27.

OPEN CHURCH WEDDING INVITATION

The Church family is cordially invited to the wedding of Miss Linda Lou King to Mr. Alexander McKinnon Johnstone on Saturday, October 16, 1976 at 3:30 P.M. in our Worship Nave.

GOSPEL SEEKERS CLASS PLANS PARTY!

The Gospel Seekers Church School Class is planning a Weiner Roast on Saturday, October 2. The group will meet at the church at 5:30 and go to Quibache Recreational Area near Bluffton.

Please bring long forks for roasting weiners and a covered dish to share. A donations offering will be taken to cover cost of meat.

WEDDING BY PASTOR

David Kreischer and Arabelle Ellyn Scott were married by Dr. Cline on September 18, 1976. They are residing at 1443 Stophlet.

THANK YOUS:

Thnaks to Dr. Cline and Mrs. Bixenman for their visits and prayers and to everyone for their cards, visits, prayers, and concern during my recent hospitalization. Thank you all. God bless you.

Fran Eckert

We wish to thank Rev. Cline and members of the church for their cards and visits to the hospital during Mr. Reynolds recent illness.

Ralph and Helen Reynolds

RECONCILIATION -- LET IT BEGIN WITH ME

Reconciliation means a better tomorrow for everyone. This Sunday the Reconciliation Offering will be received in the Church School and through the special envelopes. Here are specific ways your money has been used in the past:

-- Tri-City in Newark, New Jersey. An organization helping people to help themselves. The first project was housing rehabilitation. It has meant homes, jobs, and hope for Blacks and Puerto Ricans.

-- The American Indian Bank in Washington, D.C. It is trying to "improve the impressed economic conditions that prevail on Indian reservations and in Indian communities."

-- Counseling and job training to enable people to get off the welfare rolls.

Much of the offering, aimed at striking at the roots of poverty by seeking to change systems and to overcome injustices, stays right here in Indiana. 50% is spent nationally as needed, such as the projects described above, and 50% stays in Indiana. Out of Indiana's 50%, for the last two years, $1000.00 has come back, each year, to Fort Wayne through the Inter Religious Action Council, of which Mrs. Bixenman is an officer, and through which many of our own women have worked in the Mother-to-Mother program (more recently known as "concerned volunteers).

As Christians, doesn't Jesus ask of us to care? Don't miss your chance to say "Let It Begin With Me."

ORLD WIDE COMMUNION SUNDAY

This Sunday, October 3, is World Wide Communion Sunday. On this Sunday, people of many denominations around the world participate in communion services in their own churches. Disciples of Christ have always elt that the celebration of the eucharistic feast is at the center of heir worship. We have taken literally Jesus' statement that we are to o this whenever two or three are gathered together in His name, and onsequently have celebrated this feast at least weekly. However, this s our opportunity annually to celebrate this sacrament which Jesus gave s with our Christian brethren around the world. Let every person be in orship this Sunday.

MODERATOR'S REPORT (from page one)

(It might be added that the sense of the Board seemed to be that since the first letter had not been acted on by the Board, a formal recall of the minister was not in order, but that a "reaffirmation" of faith in Dr. Cline's ministry by the Board and the membership was in order and should be a part of the official record of the Board of Trustees.)

2. The Board voted to invite Steve Doles to be here several weekends this fall and winter season to carry on his excellent work with the youth of the church. The number of weekends he can spare will depend on his busy college schedule.

3. The recommendation that Mrs. Pat Norman be elected as deaconess to replace Mrs. Gladys Moore was accepted by the Board.

In conclusion, you may remember that your Moderator spoke two Sundays ago about how individuals and institutions at times seem to pass through periods of darkness only to emerge beyond the shadows into moments of glorious light.

I believe the Board meeting last Tuesday evening marked for First Christian Church that moment of passing from shadow into light and that the outpouring there (and in your many letters to me) of feelings of love, hope, forgiveness, and gratitude will be translated into a great renewal in the life of this church and, more importantly, in the lives of the individuals who make up this congregation.

May God bless us all as we continue to dedicate this church to His service.

Jack E. Weicker

CHURCH CALENDAR

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 2

5:30 P.M. Gospel Seekers meet for Weiner Roast

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 3

8:15 A.M. Meditative Worship
9:30 A.M. Church School
10:45 A.M. Divine Worship
4:30 P.M. Bell Choir Rehersal
5:15 P.M. Living the Adventure
5:30 P.M. Youth Groups
7:00 P.M. Celebration Worship

MONDAY, OCTOBER 4

10:00 A.M. Study Group
7:30 P.M. Brummel Group, Sandy Zimmerman, 4223 Beaver

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 5

9:00 A.M. Kepple Group, Reba Fusselman, 6309 Bluffton Rd.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 6

9:00 A.M. Spice Group, Betty Grimm, 1320 Sherwood Terr.
6:30 P.M. Nelson Group Potluck, Miriam Bixenman, 4430 Wilmette
7:30 P.M. Higdon Group, Helen Williams, 6710 S. Calhoun

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 7

9:30 A.M. Living the Adventure
7:30 P.M. Chancel Choir

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REPORT TO THE MEMBERSHIP

212 members of the congregation who were at worship during one of the three services last Sunday, October 3, voted on the recommendation of the Official Board that Dr. Harold Cline be reaffirmed as Senior Pastor here at First Christian. Of this number, 171 voted to reaffirm the pastor while 41 voted in the negative. This vote of the membership, plus the 26-to-1 vote of the Official Board, has led Dr. and Mrs. Cline to a decision to stay on here and to continue their ministry to this congregation.

It is the fervant hope of the Clines, and I know of the Board, that this decision will mark a new beginning not only for the Senior Pastor and his family as they begin their 6th year among us, but a new beginning as well for the individual members of the congregation as each seeks to come to grips with the unfolding future of this great church.

I am quite sure I echo the thoughts of the overwhelming majority of the membership when I express the conviction that First Christian Church has a mighty role to play during all the days and years ahead in bringing the Kingdom of God a bit closer here in Fort Wayne and throughout the world.

My prayer is that we now join our hands and our hearts to tackle those unfinished tasks that surround us on every side.

Jack E. Weicker,
Moderator

SERVING OCTOBER 10

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Merle Grimm and Cecil Rice

10:45 A.M. Jack Weicker and Bert Leversee

DEACONS

8:15 A.M. C. Hetrick, D. Keebortz, B. Pauley, D. Allen

10:45 A.M. E. Nordblom, R. Baugher, R. Krull, E. Conrad, J. Taylor, D. Short, T. Frappier, S. Rayl

USHERS

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, D. Smith

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, R. Chevalier, H. Stevenson

GREETERS

8:15 A.M. C. Hetrick-NW, D. Keebortz-SW

10:45 A.M. E. Nordblom-NW, R. Baugher-SW, R. Krull-NE, E. Conrad-SE

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Carole Lee and Andrea Benny

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

Ramona Ketner and Andrea Benny

NURSERY WORKERS

8:15 A.M. M. Arruza

10:45 A.M. P. Bickel, S. Thompson, P. Campbell

IN HOSPITALS

PARKVIEW: 438 Mrs. Elaine Conrad

LUTHERAN: 475 Mrs. Bertiana Hardy

329 Mr. Lee Fisher

STAFF PRAYER TIME

9:00 is the daily time for sharing and prayer of the church staff in the office. This is open to any desiring to join for prayer. Special prayer requests will be received before 9:00. The phones will be busy during prayer time.

BIENNIAL REGIONAL ASSEMBLY

The 135th Regional Assembly of the Christian Church in Indiana met in Indianapolis this past week. In attendance from this church were: Amelia Dare, Mildred Hartman, Mildred Hutchison, Edna Vaught, and Diana Wortley as voting delegates from this congregation; Melanie Baugher as voting delegate by virtue of the fact that she is regional CYF president; Miriam Bixenman and Harold Cline as Ordained clergy; Ruby Cline, Pat Campbell, Jayne Jenkins, Anne Lee, Kathy Lee, Jim Shirley, and Ken Taylor as non-voting delegates. We also wish to thank Ralph and Judy Church and Gene Shirley for transporting youth to and from the Assembly.

REHEARSAL FOR BELL CHOIR AND MEN'S CHORUS TO BEGIN

The Bell Choir Rehearsal for CYF students will start Sunday, October 10, one hour prior to the start of the CYF meeting (4:30 P.M.). A group of 10 young people is required.

The Men's Chorus Rehearsal will be held October 9th at 9:30 A.M. in the church sanctuary. Any men interested in joining should be at this rehearsal or call me if you cannot attend. Mel Busse

SEPTEMBER AVERAGES

Worship	246
Church School	116
Budget Giving	$1526.02
Building Fund	440.58

NEW MEMBERS DURING SEPTEMBER

Thelma Haxton, Mildred Walsh

SPECIAL FOR CHURCH SCHOOL TEACHERS

A most unusual leadership education program is available to church school teachers in our community. Four 30 minute TV films entitled "From the Boat" have been developed to help teachers with (1) Knowing the Learners and Lesson Planning, (2) Simulated experiences, (3) Using resources, and (4) Communication Skills. These will be used to stimulate discussion during a leadership school sponsored by the Associated Churches at First Wayne Street United Methodist Church on Thursday evenings, October 14 & 21 and on Saturday mornings, October 16 & 23. Thursday evening sessions are from 6:45 - 10:00 P.M. and Saturday morning sessions are from 8:45 - 12:00 noon. The sessions on October 14 and 16 are identical and those on October 21 & 23 are identical. Persons will want to attend twice, choosing one session from each grouping to attend. The Christian Education budget will pay the $5.00 registration fee for any teachers attending. Miriam Bixenman will be a discussion leader at the Saturday morning sessions. Information and registration blanks will be available this Sunday. See Mrs. Bixenman.

TEACHERS ELECTED

Teachers elected at the Board of Trustees' meeting last Tuesday to serve in our Church School for the coming year included: Schellie Schell and Eunice Conrad to serve as first grade teachers for one year terms; Armella Newman to serve as second grade teacher for a one year term; Marlene Crouse and Jim Taylor to serve as third and fourth grade teachers for one year terms. All of the above were elected with options to re-elect for additional terms. In addition, Susan Watson was elected as substitute teacher for 7th and 8th grades and Tom Frappier was elected as substitute teacher for senior high. This group of teachers, along with those serving continuing terms, make up our teaching staff for the 1976-77 Church School year.

CHURCH CALENDAR

FRIDAY & SATURDAY
Faith at Work Conference

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 9
9:30 A.M. Men's Chorus

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 10
8:15 A.M. Meditative Worship
9:30 A.M. Church School
10:45 A.M. Divine Worship
4:30 P.M. Bell Choir
5:15 P.M. Living the Adventure
5:30 P.M. Youth Groups
7:00 P.M. Celebration Worship

MONDAY, OCTOBER 11
1:00 P.M. Gamboe Group, parlor
7:00 P.M. Outreach & Service Comm.
7:30 P.M. Fellowship Guild, Edna Vaught, 4035 S. Fairfield

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 12
7:30 P.M. Evangelism Committee

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 14
9:30 A.m. Rivera Group, parlor
9:30 A.M. Living the Adventure
6:45 P.M. "From the Boat" Leadership Series
7:30 P.M. Chancel Choir

PANTRY NEEDS:- CRACKERS, CANNED MEAT, BABY FOOD

GREETINGS IN THE LORD!

May I publicly ask forgiveness for the trouble, trauma, and strain which I have caused. As we move into a new day of relationship, I pray for the healing and enabling help of God in the relationship of my life with you in the ministry of Christ.

Miriam Bixenman, Barbara Short, Jack Weicker, and many others have carried extra and heavy loads for which I am grateful. I rejoice in the excellent response of our people to the preaching of my good friend, Jim Suggs.

Likewise, I thank so many who in notes, words, and actions have expressed love, care, forgiveness, and understanding. I have received so much ministry from persons in and out of our congregation, from near and from far. This has been a very sustaining and meaningful addition to my life and my family.

I cannot but appreciate the strong affirmative vote given my ministry here both by the Board of Trustees and by the Congregation. Yet, I hold a special concern and care for those who is earnestness and integrity voted negatively. To these I pray that time and experiences will enable the healing balm of Christ where there is hurt and disappointment. Christ is the center of the church rather than a pastor or anyone else. May we find our commonness and enabling power in him.

Certain patterns and schedules are changing in my life. I am claiming time in my home for centering with God and for reading and study from 6:00 to 8:45 A.M. I have other personal goals and enabling actions for needed changes in my life style. I am working with Ruby for goals and new directions for our relationship. We will continue counseling with Dr. Colston similar to what we have had for the past six weeks. We want to plan certain growth experiences for our marriage. On the church level, I have ended terms on the Administrative Committee and General Board on the General level and Regional Board membership. I chair one more meeting of the Commission on Evangelism of our Region before rotating off. This change from so much outside involvement is a part of my desire to initiate some new styles in my ministry and work.

Meditate with me on Jeremiah 11:18-20, James 3:13-18, and Mark 9:30-37 as we prepare to gather in worship with our Lord on Sunday. These six weeks of absence give me a very special feeling about returning back around the Lord's Table this Sunday. May we allow worship to be a focusing and enabling of our lives as we relate and grow in him. I would love to greet you Sunday!

Harold E. Cline

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CHURCH CALENDAR

ATURDAY, OCTOBER 16
:00 A.M. Chi Rho Paper Drive
:00 A.M. "From the Boat" Leadership Series
:30 P.M. King-Johnstone Wedding

UNDAY, OCTOBER 17
:15 A.M. Meditative Worship
:30 A.M. Church School
:45 A.M. Divine Worship
:00 Noon Coffee Hour honoring Harold & Colyn Crowder
:30 P.M. Bell Choir
:15 P.M. Living the Adventure
:30 P.M. Youth Groups
:00 P.M. Celebration Worship

ONDAY, OCTOBER 18
0:00 A.M. Study Group
:30 P.M. Property Committee

EDNESDAY, OCTOBER 20
:30 P.M. CWF Evaluation Committee

HURSDAY, OCTOBER 21
:45 P.M. "From the Boat" Leadership Series
30 P.M. Chancel Choir

NTRY NEEDS: CRACKERS, FRUIT JUICES
MACARONI & CHEESE DINNERS, CEREALS

GET ALL EXCITED

Steve Doles has helped us sing, "Get all excited, go tell everybody that Jesus Christ is King!" This mood seemed evident in our three worships last Sunday and is anticipated this coming week. Singing, three recommitments at Divine Worship, a late Sunday evening baptism of Tana Harter by her husband, Steve an elder, and the warmth and love of this community made Sunday rich.

A confession and baptism is planned for Meditative Worship this Sunday, Steve Doles will lead some songs and share in worship leadership at Divine Worship, and Steve will lead Celebration Worship in the evening.

The Sunday morning sermon by our pastor will be "PROPHETS FILLED BY THE SPIRIT". This title comes directly from Numbers 11:29. Read in preparation for Sunday with much reflection Numbers 11:24-30; James 5: 1-11, and Mark 9:38-50.

May we be excited about Jesus Christ and the Lordship of our lives! Share in the joy of First Christian at worship on Sunday!

SERVING OCTOBER 17

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Margaret Love and Ben Taylor

10:45 A.M. Rolland Ripple and William Franklin

DEACONS

8:15 A.M. E. Brown, E. Place, K. Place, S. Thompson

10:45 A.M. S. Schell, C. Cline, M. Finkhousen, Bev Hendricks, A. Benny, G. Davis, K. Taylor, S. Hayes

USHERS

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, D. Smith

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, R. Chevalier, H. Stevenson

GREETERS

8:15 A.M. E. Place-NW, K. Place-SW

10:45 A.M. S. Schell-NW, C. Cline-SW, M. Finkhousen-NE, B. Hendricks-SE

HOMEBOUND COMMUNION

Ross Harter - Kenneth Place

Bert Leversee - Ken Taylor

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Amelia Dare & Mildred Hartman

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

William and Margaret Love

NURSERY WORKERS

8:15 A.M. C. Lee

10:45 A.M. J. Markley, B. Markley, K. Johnson

IN HOSPITALS

LUTHERAN: 330 Mr. Lee Fisher

PARKVIEW: 438 Mrs. Elaine Conrad

616 Mrs. Freda Flaugh

FRUIT CAKES FOR SALE:

The Kepple Group has Fruit Cakes NOW - They cost $1.45. Call Virginia Bruckman - 456-0148 or Mary Cook - 456-4930.

HELP YOUTH WITH PAPER!

The CHI RHO is having a Paper Drive this Saturday the 16th. Papers need to be at the church building by 10:00 A.M. The youth begin working at 9:00. Call the church office if there is need for pick up. They may be brought to the entry way on the south side of the church until Saturday morning at 10:00.

STUDENT YOUTH MINISTER

Steve Doles has set several weekends when he will be sharing with us. These include October 16, 17, November 6, 7, and December 4, 5. This Sunday he will assist in the morning hours and will lead Celebration Worship at 7:00 P.M.

HONORING THE HAROLD CROWDERS

The Coffee Hour following our Worship at 10:45 A.M. this Sunday will honor Harold and Colyn Crowder, who are moving to Bloomington, Indiana. William and Margaret Love are hosting this Sunday.

CONGRATULATIONS TO SINGERS

Becky Stucky and Charlie Newman sang last Friday evening in the Symphonic Choir in conjunction with the Philharmonic Orchestra. Becky was a soloist. Congratulations!

JOIN US SUNDAY!

We had 147 in Church School and 366 in Worship last Sunday! Come and join us for study and worship each Lord's Day!

BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS

One year ago this month we were involved in a Building Fund Campaign for major building improvements. At this point we have completed all but some Outreach Capital Projects.

EXTERIOR WORK DURING 1975:		
Exterior Trim Painting	$ 2,150.00	
Parking Lot Resurface & Seal	8,591.00	
		$ 10,741.00
EDUCATIONAL ROOM IMPROVEMENTS:		
Remodeling of North Third Floor	19,976.00	
Remodeling of Conference Room	4,244.00	
Carpeting, Painting, Curtains & some paneling of 130, 132, 133 & Fellowship Hall (volunteer labor)	2,492.91	
Soundproofing Folding Doors in Fellowship Hall, Parlor, & Rooms 132-133.	11,799.00	
		38,511.91
AIR-CONDITIONING OF NAVE, CHAPEL & FELLOWSHIP HALL		9,051.00
OFFICE EQUIPMENT		
Typewriter	646.00	
Offset & Copier	2,770.00	
Addressograph & Graphotype	1,758.67	
		5,174.67
BUILDING FUND CAMPAIGN COUNSEL AND PROGRAM		605.00
INTEREST ON LOAN TO DATE		638.09
CAPITAL OUTREACH PROJECTS		
Camp Barbee Service Bldg.	2,000.00	
Inman Property Purchase	1,159.89	
		3,159.89
TOTAL EXPENDITURE TO DATE		67,881.56

BUILDING FUND

On November 1, 1975 we began a three year period on our building fund pledges totalling $77,240.55. Through October 3 we had received $38,191.30. We should easily pass the one-half mark of our anticipated total by the end of the first of the three pledge years. We challange all to be current on pledges and if no pledge was made to help give for this purpose. 22½ % will be used for Capital Outreach Projects.

(CONTINUATION OF ARTICLE BEGINNING ON PAGE THREE REGARDING BUILDING FUND AND BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS)

BUILDING FUND LOAN

In order to complete the work before more inflation took costs higher, we borrowed $28,000 from our permanent funds. These are being repaid as quickly as possible from our Building Fund Giving. We now owe $25,000. We are paying our permanent funds 8% interest on this loan. Building Fund Giving now will save further interest costs as much as possible.

DMA AND CWF TO FLINN HOME

The DMA and the CWF will be going to the Emily E. Flinn Home in Marion on Tuesday, October 26. Some are leaving at 10:30 A.M. in order to share in lunch at the home. Others are leaving at 12:00 noon. Call the church office in order that transportation can be provided for all desiring to go and that luncheon reservations may be made for those going in time for lunch. The CWF Study Committee, Barbara Short, chairwoman, will provide entertainment for the residents. Pat Norman, CWF Worship Chairwoman will be worship leader, Connie Wells, Service Chairwoman has been in charge of gathering gifts for the home. Boxes have been provided at the north and south doors for deposit of gifts to be taken to the Home. Opal Heller from our congregation is a member of the Flinn Family.

COPING WITH WIDOWHOOD WORKSHOP

The Associated Churches of Fort Wayne and Allen County in conjunction with several other community organizations is sponsoring a workshop on "Coping With Widowhood" on Saturday, October 23, from 9:00 to 3:00 at First Presbyterian Church. The workshop will feature Dr. Phyllis Silverman, who has done much work in the area of death, dying, and bereavement, and serves in the Department of Psychiatry at Harvard Medical School. There will be workshops on Lonliness, Parenting Alone, Practical Aspects of Widowhood (legal, financial, and reentering the work world), and one for the Professional Dealing with Grief. Lunch and registration is $3.50, or, if you wish to "brown bag" it, total cost is $1.50. For further information and registration blanks, see Dr. Cline or Mrs. Bixenman by this Sunday.

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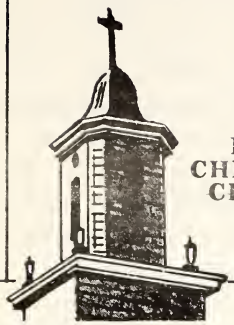

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CHURCH CALENDAR

ATURDAY, OCTOBER 23

:00 A.M. CYF Slave Day
:00 A.M. Chi Rho Paper Drive

UNDAY, OCTOBER 24

:15 A.M. Meditative Worship
:30 A.M. Church School
0:45 A.M. Divine Worship
:30 P.M. Bell Choir
:15 P.M. Living the Adventure
:30 P.M. Youth Groups
:00 P.M. Celebration Worship

ONDAY, OCTOBER 25

:00 P.M. Christian Ed. Committee
:00 P.M. Values & Ethics Group

UESDAY, OCTOBER 26

0:30 A.M. CWF & DMA to Flinn Home
:30 P.M. Worship & Pastoral Rel.
:30 P.M. Teacher's Meeting, Miriam Bixenman's 4430 Wilmette
:30 P.M. Fireside Group, Joe & Linda Wiley, 1817 Buckskin

EDNESDAY, OCTOBER 27

:00 P.M. Men's Chorus
:30 P.M. Membership Committee

HURSDAY, OCTOBER 28

:30 A.M. Living the Adventure
:30 P.M. Chancel Choir

ANTRY NEEDS: PEANUT BUTTER, CEREALS, INSTANT COFFEE, LAUNDRY SOAP

GOOD NEWS FOR LIFE

During our Sunday Worships on October 24 a new folder, "REVIEW OF THE GOOD NEWS" will be utilized and shared. This is something being used by our Evangelism Committee. It is felt that every member and friend of the church can profit by this review of some of the basics of our faith.

Dr. Cline will be preaching on the theme, "GOOD NEWS FOR LIFE". Background texts are Luke 15:1-32 and Romans 3:21-26, 8:1,2,9-11,14-17. The sermon will incorporate the emphases of the brochure.

The church is composed of persons finding life and commonness in Jesus Christ. An alive church must be enlisting and relating to persons on a regular basis. This task is a corporate task of the church to be shared by every member of the Body. May we allow our worship this Lord's Day to be a challenge and specific help for each of us to find a handle-hold to share the Good News of God which is unique and real to his life. COME AND WORSHIP THIS SUNDAY! PARTICIPATE IN CHURCH SCHOOL! INVITE AND BRING A NEIGHBOR WITH YOU!

SERVING OCTOBER 24

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. William Schilling and Mark Snyder

10:45 A.M. Rolland Ripple and Dean Widler

DEACONS

8:15 A.M. M. Hartman, C. Church, B. Lehman, M.L. Hartzler

10:45 A.M. D. Young, M. Lehman, H. Stevenson, J. Wiley, R. Wortley, S. Knuckles, E. Nordblom, R. Baugher

USHERS

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, D. Smith

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, H. Stevenson, R. Chevalier

GREETERS

8:15 A.M. B. Lehman-NW. M.L. Hartzler-SW

10:45 A.M. J. Wiley-NW, R. Wortley-SW, S. Knuckles-NE, H. Stevenson-SE

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NURSERY WORKERS

8:15 A.M. B. Schilling

10:45 A.M. M. Byers, L. Wiley, B. Finkhousen

IN HOSPITALS

LUTHERAN: 330 Mr. Lee Fisher

ST. JOSEPH: 701 Mrs. Winnie Mae Ferguson

PARKVIEW: 616 Mrs. Fredia Flaugh

438 Mrs. Elaine Conrad

WEDDING BY PASTOR:

Alexander McKinnon Johnstone and Linda Lou King on October 16, 1976. They are residing at 2208 St. Louis, 46819, 747-7779.

RESPONSES TO INVITATION

TIMOTHY ALLEN SAUERWEIN, 4715 S. Wayne, 07, 446-0923, son of Jack and Doris, made his confession of faith and was baptized during Meditative Worship on Sunday. Tim is an eighth grader at Fairfield Junior Hi and active in Chi Rho. He plays the trumpet, builds models, and works with model railroads. We welcome Tim in this commitment.

On October 10, we had three recommitments expressed by Tana Harter, Rosemary Krull, and Michael Watson. Tana was baptized that evening by her husband symbolizing her sense of new life and resurrection.

We invite decisions weekly. If there are questions or concerns, call Dr. Cline at 744-3239.

PAPERS STILL WANTED

The Chi Rho paper drive is still open for more papers to be brought to the church building by 10:00 A.M. this Saturday or any day prior. Call the church office if you need pick up. The youth are due to help at 9:00 on Saturday.

ATTENTION BOARD MEMBERS!

The November Board of Trustees meeting has been postponed until Tuesday, November 9 at 7:30 P.M. because of the election and other conflicts. This will be an important agenda with many recommendations for action. Mark the calendar now!

COLLEGE AND CAREER GROUP

Mark your calendar for a special Sunday dinner meeting at 12:30 P.M., Sunday, November 7. This is the next weekend Steve Doles is with us.

C.Y.F. PARTY ON NOVEMBER 6

All high schoolers are invited to the Cline residence, 5705 Fernwood at 7:00 P.M., Saturday, November 6.

CYF SLAVE DAY

The CYF will be available on Saturday, October 23 from 9:00 to 4:00 for work. Anything that needs to be done around the house (or yard) or ??? Call 447-2880 with your job request--we will try to match it with a worker. Money earned will benefit the Furniture Fund for the Youth Lounge.

MEN'S CHORUS REHEARSALS

The Men's Chorus will rehearse on October 27 at 7:00 P.M. and on October 30 at 9:30 A.M. The Men's Chorus will sing at both morning worship hours on October 31. Men are urged to join the Chorus. If you have questions, contact Mel Busse.

CHURCH SCHOOL TEACHER'S MEETING

All who teach in the Nursery Department through 6th grade in our church school are asked to meet at the home of Miriam Bixenman, on Tuesday, October 26 at 7:30 P.M. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss plans for increasing attendance and other plans including Christmas.

UNICEF COLLECTION AND PARTY

On Sunday afternoon, October 31, from 4:00 - 6:00 P.M., our boys and girls in Kindergarten through sixth grade will collect for UNICEF (United Nations Children's Emergency Fund). Children will be accompanied by teenagers or adults as they go out. A Halloween Party will be help at the Church following the collection, with dismissal from the total event at 6:30 P.M. Watch next week's TIDINGS for full details.

In addition to the collection by our children, next Sunday and on October 31, UNICEF boxes will be on the window sills outside the nave and on the table at the coffee hour for any wishing to contribute. The amount collected in this manner will be added to what the children collect.

CHURCH WOMEN UNITED EVENT COMING SOON

World Community Day will be celebrated by Church Women United at the Simpson United Methodist Church, with a luncheon beginning at 12:00 noon. The cost of the luncheon is $2.00. Babysitting will be provided. Call reservations to Andy Benny, Sandy Zimmerman, or the church office BY OCTOBER 29.

NEED TUPPERWARE???

The Brummel Group is selling Tupperware with the proceeds to benefit our Christmas family. Orders may be placed with any Group member until November 1st. Anyone is welcome at the Brummel Group meeting November 1 where orders will also be taken.

WITNESS ON EVANGELISM

Dr. Cline was invited to lead the Area II Assembly of the Christian Churches this Sunday on an emphasis on evangelism. Going to Valpariso and assisting in this day are Dean & Elsie Widler, Joe & Linda Wiley, Mike & Suzie Watson, Rocky & Lee Baugher, and Ruby Cline. Pray for these as they share in workshop leadership and as Dr. Cline makes two presentations.

THANKS FOR LIBRARY BEAUTIFICATION

Have you noticed the addition of beautiful plants and hangers in the Library? We have Jerry and Sandy Zimmerman and Andy Benny to thank for these donations to beautify the Library's new home. They are appreciated!

TRIP TO FLINN HOME

Our CWF and DMA are going to Marion next Tuesday the 26th. Some are leaving at 10:30 A.M. and will eat there; others will leave at 12:00. Call the church office to share when you will be going and whether you will drive or will need a ride. A goodly number of our people will benefit from this annual pilgrimage.

WORLD COMMUNION OFFERING

$500 was sent this week representative of our special day offering on World Communion Sunday for the work of RECONCILIATION. From Budget giving we also sent these checks to cover our special six-month period:

$100 American Bible Society
$100 Indiana Council of Churches
$50 World Council of Churches
$50 World Literacy
$50 National Council of Churches
$150 Interreligious Action Council of Allen County
$180 Campus Ministry IUPU-FW

Since July 1, we have remitted these outreach support gifts: $1,000 to Associated Churches, $500 to Week of Compassion; $500 to Reconciliation; $200 to Helping Hand Fund; $225 Pantry Program.

JESUS LOVES THE LITTLE CHILDREN;

SO DO THE SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS

COME TO SUNDAY SCHOOL THIS WEEK.

REALISTIC CHURCH GIVING

Most of us are richly blessed with resources to meet basic life needs and often far beyond these. Our inflationary days make it imperative that Christian giving reflect the reality of life today, the mission of the church, and the needs of our world. Evaluate giving by this simple tool:

BEGINNING COMMITMENT - Church giving of $1 per week per $1,000 of annual income.

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CHURCH CALENDAR

Saturday, October 30

9:30 A.M. Men's Chorus Rehearsal

Sunday, October 31

8:15 A.M. Meditative Worship
9:30 A.M. Church School
10:45 A.M. Divine Worship
4:00 P.M. UNICEF Party
5:15 P.M. Living the Adventure
7:00 P.M. Celebration Worship

Monday, November 1

10:00 A.M. Study Group
7:30 P.M. Brummel Group, Andy Benny, 7710 Newlin

Tuesday, November 2

9:00 A.M. Kepple Group, Fern Kenline, 2614 Abbey Dr. #1

Wednesday, November 3

9:00 A.M. Spice Group, Betty Grimm, 1320 W. Sherwood Terr.
7:30 P.M. Higdon Group, Irene Current, 4519 Oliver
7:30 P.M. Nelson Group, Connie Wells, 735 Poplar

Thursday, November 4

9:30 A.M. Living the Adventure
7:30 P.M. Chancel Choir
7:30 P.M. CWF Evaluation

PANTRY NEEDS: CRACKERS, TUNA

NOODLES, INSTANT COFFEE

THANKSGIVING WORSHIPS

Praise and thanksgiving are natural expressions of our Christian life. These will be accented in the coming four Sundays in Sunday Morning Worship. As a part of our worship, we will bring foodstuffs to the Chancel area for our Pantry Program. The sermons will be based on various Psalms.

SERMON TITLES ARE:

October 31 - "OPEN EYES IN AWARENESS" Psalms 19:1-6; 65, 104, 136
November 7 - "OPEN MOUTHS IN APPRECIATION" Psalms 67, 96, 136
November 14 - "OPEN EARS TO MUSIC" Psalms 95, 148, 150
November 21 - "OPEN LIVES TO THE LORD" Psalms 107, 108:1-4; 124

Our Men's Chorus will sing both morning hours this Sunday and will be joined by the Chancel Choir at 10:45. Becky Stucky is doing special singing on the 7th and a double quartet on the 14th.

Beginning November 7 at 10:30 A.M. hour, we will be broadcasting over WGL at 1250 on the radio dial.

SERVING OCTOBER 31

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Robert Hendricks and Ralph Church

10:45 A.M. Glenn Miller and Steve Harter

DEACONS

8:15 A.M. C. Hetrick, D. Keebortz, B. Pauley, D. Allen

10:45 A.M. R. Krull, E. Conrad, J. Taylor, M. Crouse, D. Short, T. Frappier, S. Rayl, S. Schell

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Elinor Place & Mary Lou Hartzler

HOMEBOUND COMMUNION

Rolland Ripple - George Davis

Robert Johnson - Doug Allen

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

Harold & Edna Nordblom

NURSERY WORKERS

8:15 A.M. M.L. Hartzler

10:45 A.M. B. Busse, J. Ott, C. Cline

IN HOSPITALS

LUTHERAN: 670 Mrs. Eva Crowell
330 Mr. Lee Fisher

ST. JOSEPH: 605 Mr. Al Schell

PARKVIEW: 438 Mrs. Elaine Conrad

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO ATTEND THE CHURCH SCHOOL CLASS OF YOUR CHOICE. THIS SUNDAY AND EVERY SUNDAY!

RESPONSES TO INVITATION

We rejoiced in three decisions on Sunday morning!

MR. AND MRS. TERRY AUGSBURGER, 6006 Guild Dr. 16, 447-3080, identified in transfer of membership. Terry comes from Salem United Church of Christ of Fort Wayne and Debbie from East 49th Street Christian in Indianapolis. Terry is employed at Magnavox and Debbie works in activities at the Lutheran Home.

MRS. HELEN LOBDELL, 5116 S. Harrison, 07, 456-4352, made a basic commitment of life to Christ. Helen is employed at General Electric and has four grown children.

PRAY FOR THOSE WHO GO

Dean Widler is coordinating a Lay Witness Mission this weekend at East Lynn Christian Church in Anderson. Included on his team are Melanie Baugher, Miriam Bixenman, Steve Doles, Ken Taylor, Elsie Widler, and Nancy Wortley. Pray for these who share!

NOTIFY CHURCH OFFICE

When we address THE TIDINGS and it is returned with an address correction, we are charged 25¢. Notify the church office whenever your mailing address changes and let us know the precise time to make the change in order to minimize return mail costs. We desire to be in weekly contact with all members and friends through THE TIDINGS.

WORSHIP CHOICES AT FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

In keeping with our brotherhood and also the major block of histori Christianity, we celebrate the Lord's Supper as the central act of worshi in each of our Sunday worship hours. This practice seems substantiated i the following quotations of John Killinger in his book, Bread for the Wil erness, Wine for the Journey. *"First, the service of worship should embody enough reference to our rehearsal of the constitutive event of Christianity--the ministry, death, and resurrection of Jesus--to reestablish in our minds the original basis of our cult and service. And, second, it should do so in a manner of expression and imagination sufficiently contemporary and appealing to the sensibilities to draw us into genuine prayer, into that openness of spirit in which we are again enabled to hear the voice of God speaking to us and to submit ourselves afresh to his will for our lives. If this does not happen, then we can hardly say we have worshipped."*

When we move beyond the Lord's Supper, we as a congregation are offerin both a variety of times and a variety of expressions in worship each Lord' Day. Notice the following characteristics which are the basis of more an more diveristy but within the pattern of the three worships.

MEDITATIVE WORSHIP - 8:15 A.M. The quietness and freshness of the earl morning is being accentuated with a conscious period of silence and growth in this type of prayer and meditation expression. Other than silence, this service is using more traditional music and gospel songs and i being maintained as the most traditional of our three worship hours.

DIVINE WORSHIP - 10:45 A.M. This service seeks to use basic hymnod with an accent on hymns or contemporary music. While basically a traditional service, there is greater freedom especially for contemporary expression. We have the most Choir participation in this hour even though there is always special music at 8:15 A.M. also.

CELEBRATION WORSHIP - 7:00 P.M. This worship meets in the parlor and i informal in dress and approach. This accents spontaneous, participatory worship. We often divide into small groups for sharing and prayer. Communion is very personal and affirmation is stressed. Affirmation through touch is strong at this hour, some at Divine Worship, and minimized at Meditative Worship.

OUR CONCERN IS NOT WHICH KIND OF WORSHIP - BUT DO WORSHIP REGULARLY!

UNICEF COLLECTION AND HALLOWEEN PARTY

This Sunday afternoon our children in Kindergarten through sixth grade will meet at the church to go "Trick or Treating for UNICEF". They will be going into our own neighborhood, and will go in teams, accompanied by an adult and a Chi Rho youth. Jerry Zimmerman, Christian Education Chairman, will be in charge of the collection. Our CYF youth will sponsor a Halloween party for the children following the collection. Children are asked to come in costume. There will be prizes for the funniest costume, the more original, and the scariest costume. The party will be from 4:00 until 6:30 P.M.

UNICEF boxes will be on the coffee table at the coffee hour and in the narthex at both worship services so that any who wish may contribute. This money will be added to what our children collect. Remember, 5¢ will cure one child of trachoma, 25¢ will provide 175 vitamin tablets for children, 50¢ will protect one child from malaria for one year, and $1.00 will protect 80 children from tuberculosis. What better investment can you make than to invest in the world's children?

CHI RHO FUTURE DATES

Several dates are important to our Chi Rho youth;

1. There will be no loading of papers this Saturday. The truck will not be available until November 2, so we will load papers on Saturday, November 6 at 9:00 A.M.
2. Be sure to come Sunday afternoon October 31 at 4:00 to help with the smaller children for the UNICEF collection.
3. On Sunday, November 7, we will leave immediately after church to go to the lake with Bruce Lehman and Scott Rayl, sponsors, for the afternoon.

THANKSGIVING PANTRY MONTH

Bring foodstuffs to worship to share through our Pantry program beginning this Sunday, October 31 and continuing through November 21. Gifts will be brought to the Chancel area of the Nave. If any desire to make specified gifts, be sure to mark for the PANTRY.

MOVIE TO BE SHOWN NOVEMBER 7

MOVIE--"HIS LAND" produced by World Wide Pictures. This film produced for Billy Graham Evanglistic Witness is taken in modern Israel and features music of Cliff Richard and Cliff Barrows. 7:00 P.M. SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 7 in our Nave.

BUILDING FUND MILESTONE

Building Fund giving of this Sunday will mark the completion of the first of our three pledge years. We have received to date, $39,290.01 which is beyond the halfway mark of our pledged total of $77,240.75.

Newcomers or nonpledgers are invited to give for this cause by marking the regular giving envelopes appropriately!

BE SURE YOU VOTE ON

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CHURCH CALENDAR

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 6

4:00 P.M. Harmony Class Party at Harter's, 4722 Knoll Road
7:30 P.M. CYF Party at Clines
8:00 P.M. Faith at Work, North Highlands Presbyterian Church

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 7

8:15 A.M. Meditative Worship
9:30 A.M. Church School
10:45 A.M. Divine Worship
12:30 P.M. College & Career eat-out
4:30 P.M. Bell Choir
5:15 P.M. Living the Adventure
5:30 P.M. Youth Groups
7:00 P.M. Movie, "HIS LAND"

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 8

1:00 P.M. Gamboe Group, Laura Marks, 4705 Lafayette Esp.
6:30 P.M. Area I Board
7:30 P.M. Fellowship Guild, Ethel Shroyer, 4821 Tacoma
7:30 P.M. Lay Personnel Committee

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 9

7:30 P.M. BOARD OF TRUSTEES

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 11

9:30 A.M. Living the Adventure
9:30 A.M. Rivera Group
7:30 P.M. Chancel Choir

MAY ALL THE PEOPLES PRAISE GOD!

"Sing a new song to the Lord!
Sing to the Lord, all the world!
Sing to the Lord, and praise him!
Every day tell the good news that he has saved us!
Proclaim his glory to all nations, his mighty acts to all peoples
The Lord is great, and must be highly praised;
he must be feared more than all the gods.
The gods of all other nations are only idols,
but the Lord made the heavens
Glory and majesty are around him, greatness and beauty are in his temple.
All people on earth, praise the Lord!
Praise his glory and might!
Praise the Lord's glorious name; bring an offering and come into his temple.
Bow down before the Holy One when he appears;
tremble before him, all the earth.

Psalms 96:1-9

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SERVING NOVEMBER 7

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Robert Rayl and Ross Harter

10:45 A.M. Dean Widler and Robert Johnson

DEACONS

8:15 A.M. E. Brown, K. Place, E. Place, S. Thompson

10:45 A.M. C. Cline, M. Finkhousen, Bev. Hendricks, A. Benny, G. Davis, K. Taylor, S. Hayes, D. Young

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NURSERY WORKERS

8:15 A.M. N. Schilling

10:45 A.M. A. Newman, C. Busse, N. Hendricks

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LUTHERAN 778 Mr. Ben Taylor
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FUNERAL OF MEMBER

Lee Fisher, a member since 1959 and had served as a deacon in the 1960's. He was 94 years old. Dr. Cline conducted his service on 11/3 76. Sympathy is extended to his son, Emerson Fisher and family.

BUILDING FUND MILESTONE

In our first of three pledge years we have now received a total of $39,495.51 of our pledged total of $77,240.75. We thank all contributors! We now move on to completion of this task and goal! We rejoice in our accomplishment to date!

OCTOBER AVERAGES

Worship	302
Church School	134
Program Support	$1880.58
Building Fund	351.84

NEW MEMBERS DURING OCTOBER

Tim Sauerwein
Terry & Debra Augsburger
Helen Lobdell

TRICK OR TREAT FOR UNICEF

We salute our children and youth for this effort last Sunday climaxed with a party! Thanks for efforts of various kinds and to the drivers! $108 was collected for UNICEF, that is, United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund.

THANK YOU!

Many beautiful cards, phone calls, visits and flowers received during the past weeks have brightened and cheered my day. Your prayers have been truly appreciated. Thanks to Dr. Cline and Mrs. Bixenman for their visits and comforting words.

Elaine Conrad

IMPORTANT BOARD MEETING

A very heavy Board agenda is set for 7:30 P.M., Tuesday, November 9. Every Board member is needed and the meeting is always open to any member for purposes of discussion. The agenda includes:

1. Evangelism Goals for 1976-77
2. Program Support Goals for 1977
3. Worship & Pastoral Relations Recommendations
   a. Retirement date of Miriam Bixenman
   b. Three staff positions
4. Property Committee Recommendations
   a. Roof repair
   b. Priorities for Volunteer Projects of Building Maintenance
   c. Prioritization of Building Equipment needs
5. Membership Committee Recommendations
   a. Christmas dinner
   b. Coffee Hour limitation
   c. Membership Intercessory Prayer Program for 1977.
6. Christian Education Recommendation
   a. Reporting of Worship, Church School and Through-the-Week Educational Opportunities attendance figures in TIDINGS and Worship Bulletin.

FINAL CALL FOR PAPERS & CHI RHO YOUTH

All Chi Rho Youth are needed at 9:00 this Saturday to load the Van with papers. Any with newspapers should have them to the church by that time. If pickup is needed, call the church office by Friday, at 5:00 P.M.

All Chi Rho youth are needed to move the papers and take them for sale. The Chi Rho outing on Sunday the 7th has been cancelled due to a conflict of schedules.

CALLING ALL HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH

The CYF is having a party this Saturday evening, November 6, at the Clines, 5705 Fernwood. All youth of grades 9-12 are invited. Steve Doles will be with the group.

WORSHIP INVITATION

The Lincolnshire Church of the Brethren has invited us to share their Love Feast and Communion on Sunday evening, November 21 at 7:00 P.M. This is an open service and we are invited to participate at whatever dapth our consciences lead us, whether just as an observer or a participant in part or all of the service. So that they will have some idea of how many to plan for, we are asking for persons to indicate their intention of going by notifying the church office.

COLLEGE AND CAREER ADULTS

This group will have Sunday dinner together this Sunday with Steve Doles. The group will go out to eat together leaving from the Coffee Hour at 12:30 P.M.

PRAISE GOD IN WORSHIP SUNDAY

Praise and Thanksgiving are central in our two Sunday morning Worships! The sermon for Sunday is "OPEN MOUTHS IN APPRECIATION." Psalms 67, 96, 136.

THANKSGIVING IN GIFTS!

Bring Foodstuffs to worship to be taken to the Thanksgiving Cornucopia on the Chancel. We are asking children to bring forward at the time of the sermonette and others during the offertory. We provide year-round ministry of emergency food for referrals by the Welfare department that cannot be serviced in other ways. Help to stock our Pantry by the Thanksgiving giving each Sunday this month.

THANKSGIVING BROADCAST ON RADIO

Our worship is being taped and broadcast each Sunday of November from 10:30 A.M. to 11:30 A.M. over WGL-1250 on the radio dial. This is a service for homebound or sick persons. Listen in and tell others of the broadcast each Sunday of November.

VOLUNTER HELP NEEDED

Typists and typewriters needed to assist our Librarian, Tana Harter, in typing book cards for the Church Library. Prefer those available in the daytime Tuesday through Thursday. Pleasant work, beautiful surroundings. Please contact the church office or Tana Harter (if you can't reach her at home, she's probably at the church working in the Library!)

FEATURE MOVIE AT 7:00 P.M.

"HIS LAND" will be shown in our Worship Nave at 7:00 P.M. Sunday. It is a color, feature movie depicting Israel from ancient to modern times.

In the company of Cliff Barrows and Cliff Richard, England's poplar star, who sings a number of Ralph Carmichael songs, you travel the vibrant streets and lonely solitary paths of this nation whose daily distiny is discussed in counsels of government all over the world...the same paths taken by Jesus and the prophets...Galilee...the wilderness...Jerusalem...the Mount of Olives...mix with the people of modern Israel as they work, play and build a nation.

"HIS LAND" is rich in color and authentic sights and sounds Come and bring friends.

ATTENTION HARMONY CLASS

You are invited! To a party at Steve & Tana Harters, 4722 Knoll Rd, November 6, beginning at 4:00 P.M. This is a family affair with hot dogs roasted on an outdoor fire. Bring hot dogs, buns, a covered dish and table service. For more information, call the Harters.

CUC CLASS SWIMMING PARTY

The CUC Class is having a swimming party November 13 at 6:45 at SE YMCA. Refreshments afterwards at Stucky's. Call Becky - 447-3826 or Pam Bickel - 456-7496 by November 10 if going.

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CHURCH CALENDAR

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 13
9:30 A.M. Octet Rehearsal
6:45 P.M. CUC Class Swim Party

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 14
8:15 A.M. Meditative Worship
9:30 A.M. Church School
10:45 A.M. Divine Worship
4:00 P.M. Bell Choir
5:15 P.M. Living the Adventure
5:30 P.M. Youth Groups
7:00 P.M. Celebration Worship

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 15
10:00 A.M. Study Group
7:30 P.M. Outreach & Service

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 16
1:30 P.M. CWF Harvest Tea
7:30 P.M. Evangelism Committee

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 17
8:00 P.M. Widow's Group, Delores Overmyer 5443 Winchester Rd.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 18
9:30 A.M. Living the Adventure
7:00 P.M. Chancel Choir
7:30 P.M. Fireside Group, Carl & Beth Schwartz 3805 S. Harrison

PANTRY NEEDS: SUGAR, INSTANT COFFEE, NOODLES, CEREALS

THANKSGIVING THROUGH WORSHIP

THANKSGIVING - Bringing Pantry foodstuffs to Chancel Cornucopia

THANKSGIVING - Hearing Sermon - "OPEN EARS TO MUSIC" Ps. 95, 148, 150.

THANKSGIVING - Singing praises to God in the church community

THANKSGIVING - Celebrating the Communion - Eucharist

THANKSGIVING - Bringing our tithes and offerings to God

THANKSGIVING - Writing a note to someone to express thanks

THANKSGIVING - Homebound listening to our worship over WGL, 1250 at 10:30 A.M. on Sundays

THANKSGIVING - Appreciating the Double Octet sing, "PRAISE TO THE LORD" this Sunday morning. Octet includes *Sara Davis, Becky Stucky, Phyllis Tryon, Glen Beckmeyer, Mel Busse, Ed Jenkins and Charlie Newman.*

THANKSGIVING - Making a special gift for Outreach in Thanksgiving envelopes.

THANKSGIVING - Sharing the Love Feast & Communion with Lincolnshire Church of Brethren at 7:00 P.M. on November 21.

SERVING NOVEMBER 14

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Merle Grimm and Steve Harter

10:45 A.M. Jack Weicker and Rolland Ripple

DEACONS

8:15 A.M. M. Hartman, C. Church, B. Lehman, M.L. Hartzler

10:45 A.M. M. Lehman, H. Stevenson, J. Wiley, D. Andrew, S. Knuckles, E. Nordblom, R. Baugher, R. Krull

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IN HOSPITALS

PARKVIEW: 438 Mrs. Elaine Conrad
ST. JOSEPH: 619 Mr. Al Schell
505 Mrs. DeAnn Halbrook
812 Mrs. Ethel Allen
LUTHERAN: 572 Mr. Richard Hudrick (Elder in Christian Church from Princeton, KY)
AULTMAN (Canton, Ohio)
Mrs. Hilda Cline - Harold's mother who has been in since falling on the way to vote, expects to be released shortly.

CHRISTMAS CALENDAR

Sunday, Nov. 28 - Advent Candle lighting begins in worship
Sunday, Dec. 5 - Youth Bell Choir plays at First Christian Church in Greensburg.
Sunday, Dec. 12 - 12:15 P.M. Congregational Christmas Dinner
Sunday, Dec. 19 - 4:30 P.M. Congregational Caroling in buses
Friday, Dec. 24 - 7:00 P.M. Children's & Family Christmas Eve Worship
Friday, Dec. 24 - 11:00 P.M. Candlelighting Christmas Eve Worship

WEDDING BY MRS. BIXENMAN

Mrs. Bixenman performed the marriage ceremony for Debra Kay Fisher and Steven Edward Weikel in our Worship Nave, November 6, 197[illegible] They are residing at 4506 Wilmett[illegible]

SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED:

To Mrs. Iva Imbody in the death of her brother last week in a auto accident.

To Maude Donahue in the recent death of her brother.

THANK YOU NOTE:

Thank you for cards, calls, and prayers while I was in the hospital. Eva Crowell

ATTENTION CHANCEL CHOIR

Rehearsals will begin at 7:0[illegible] P.M. in coming weeks as preparations are in progress for Christmas music. The choir invites any singer to come and join them Thursdays at 7:00 P.M.

HELP US KEEP IN MAIL CONTACT WITH MEMBERS!

Because of address changes, the office has lost contact with the following members of congregation. We desire to keep a mail linkage as long as a person remains a member of our fellowship. Will you call the church office - 744-3239 - if you can help us locate a correct mailing address for these persons. Anytime you are aware of a new address for yourself, your family, or someone that would be beneficial to the office -- PLEASE CALL! We now pay 25¢ whenever we have a TIDINGS returned because of a changed address. HELP US KEEP IN CONTACT WITH MEMBERS!

Richard & Doris Bireley
William & Ruth Bolton
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Cathy Dusing
Larry Carson
Robert Clausen
Rex Clifton
Mildred Cobbs
Mrs. David Cooke
Ronald & Mary Dailey
Mailyn DeWeese
Douglas Eifrid
Mrs. Rose Eugene
Linda Feichter
Beverly Flood
Paul & Betty Goetz
Gloria Grove
Mrs. Jane Harts
James Heiney
Glen Frank Hunt
Cathy Jackson
Connie Rae Lamb
Doris Lemming
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Mary Valentine McAtee
Ray Mathis
Mrs. Lloyd Miller
Stephanie Mollenhour
Mrs. Rebecca Morris
Keith & Janice Murray
Mrs. Lucille Overby
Donald Rosenogle
Wayne Phillips
Edward Sechler
Fred Sheets
Dennis Smith
J. Carlton & Glenna Smith
Robert Smith
Glenn Smith
Shirley Smith
H. Virginia Snouffer
Mrs. George Sowers
Mrs. Margaretta Steckbe
Mrs. Ruth Steele
Donald Straw
Joan Straw
Patricia Sweet
M/M J.W. Treager
Mrs. Ellen Tribolet
Robert & Mabel Truelove
Armand & Frances Van Gordon
William & Erma Vunora
Ilene Wolf
Mrs. Carole Young

OUR GIFTS MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

Your Thanksgiving offering is one of four special day offerings. These special day offerings - THANKSGIVING, CHRISTMAS, EASTER, and PENTECOST - undergird the total mission of the church. The Thanksgiving offering provides homes for the elderly, making it possible for them to receive care when they need it. Inadequate pensions of retired ministers and missionaries are supplemented. Colleges and Seminaries also benefit. And, our congregation receives help for its programs of education, evangelism and service. Remember--our gifts DO make a difference!

Use Special Thanksgiving envelopes of sets or pews for the special Thanksgiving offering. The total church school offering of November 21 will go for the Thanksgiving offering.

CALLING ALL TEACHERS
AND EDUCATION PERSONNEL

An important opportunity is open to all those interested in any way in Christian Education in our church. On Thursday evening, November 18, at 7:00 P.M. at First Presbyterian Church we will have our first opportunity to learn about a new curriculum, to be known as "Shared Approaches" which will come off the presses in 1978. This is a strictly Bible oriented curriculum, with many choices incorporated within it. It is being jointly produced by six of the major denominations. Since our own curriculum materials are to be replaced in 1978, we need to take a careful look at this new venture. Please contact Miriam Bixenman if you are able to go.

WIDOW'S GROUP

The Widow's Group will meet at the home of Delores Overmyer, 5443 Winchester Rd., at 8:00 P.M. on Wednesday, November 17. Please note change in date, which is for this month only. All widows/widowers interested in a fellowship group are urged to come to this meeting. We will be discussing a name change and future plans. Please notify Miriam Bixenman if you need a ride.

CHURCH BASKETBALL

Youth and adults age 15 and over are invited to practice next Monday, the 15th at 7:00 P.M. at West Creighton Christian Church gym. Schedules of games have not been finalized at this writing.

CWF HARVEST TEA NOVEMBER 16

The Christian Women's Fellowship Harvest Tea will be held Tuesday, November 16 at 1:30 P.M. The CWF groups from West Creighton Christian and North Christian will be guests.

The Kepple and Rivera Groups will be hostesses for the Tea.

The Program will consist of a book review given by Barbara Short. The book to be reviewed is entitled, Joni and is the true and gripping story of Joni Eareckson and of her fight to survive following an accident which left her a quadriplegic.

A Handcraft sale will follow the meeting with the proceeds to go for the "WATER, WOMEN AND WORLD" Project. Child Care will be provided.

BUILDING FUND GIVING!

Hallelujah! We passed the $40,000 mark Sunday. We have now given $40,130.53!

Hallelujah! $3,000 was paid at the end of October on our borrowing thus we now owe our Memorial Funds only $22,000 plus the monthly interest of 8%.

Since 22.5% of our Building Fund giving is for Capital Outreach Projects we have $3,394.48 which is due now on the basis of present giving. We spent $3,159.89 on Capital Outreach projects last June.

We push on in the next two years to surpass our pledged total of $77,240.55.

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FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH TIDINGS

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CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 21

8:15 A.M. Meditative Worship
9:30 A.M. Church School
10:45 A.M. Divine Worship
4:00 P.M. Bell Choir
5:00 P.M. TV Documentary on World Hunger FOOD FOR ALL shown on Chanel 33
5:15 P.M. Living the Adventure
5:30 P.M. Youth Groups
7:00 P.M. Love Feast & Communion Lincolnshire Church of the Brethren

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 22

7:30 P.M. Planning Committee for School of Christian Growth

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 23

12:00 Noon DMA Potluck

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 25

Thanksgiving Day - Church Office Closed

THIS SUNDAY WILL BE THE LAST OPPORTUNITY TO PLACE FOOD IN OUR THANKSGIVING CORNUCOPIA FOR OUR PANTRY PROGRAM

PLAN NOW!!!
Christmas Dinner and Program
Sunday, December 12, 12:15 P.M.

THANKSGIVING SUNDAY

"Thanksgiving is what sets us going and keeps us going as believers.
Gratitude is the pulsating heart of our ethics.
We live from thanksgiving.
Thanksgiving is what sets us seeking and keeps us doing God's compassionate, creative will for the world.
Thanksgiving is what we are for.
Thanksgiving is what everything is about." *Adapted*

EXPRESS THANKSGIVING

--8:15 or 10:45 A.M. - Sermon: "Open Lives to the Lord" Psalms 107, 108:1-4; 124
--7:00 P.M. Our congregation will be special guests at Lincolnshire Church of the Brethren for Love Feast and Communion
--Thanksgiving Offering
Generour and Regular Giving
Building Fund Giving
--Bring Food to Thanksgiving Cornucopia for Pantry Program
--Homebound listen to WGL from 10:30 to 11:30 A.M. for our Worship.
--Study during Church School at 9:30 A.M.

SERVING NOVEMBER 21

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Cecil Rice and Ben Taylor

10:45 A.M. Bert Leversee and William Franklin

DEACONS

8:15 A.M. C. Hetrick, D. Keebortz, B. Pauley, D. Allen

10:45 A.M. E. Conrad, J. Taylor, M. Crouse, D. Short, T. Frappier, S. Rayl, S. Schell, C. Cline

USHERS

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, D. Smith

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, R. Chevalier, H. Stevenson

GREETERS

8:15 A.M. C. Hetrick-NW, D. Keebortz-SW

10:45 A.M. C. Cline-NW, M. Crouse-SW, J. Taylor-NE, E. Conrad-SE

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COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

Eunice Conrad and Sally Rudy

NURSERY WORKERS

8:15 A.M. J. Jenkins

10:45 A.M. N. Lucas, B. Hayes, P. Campbell

IN HOSPITALS

PARKVIEW: 423 Mrs. Elaine Conrad
ST. JOSEPH: 505 Mrs. DeAnn Holbrook
LUTHERAN: 572 Mr. Richard Hudrick

SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED: To Deanna Ruble and family in the death of her father in Bremen. The funeral was Monday, November 15.

CONGRATULATIONS ON BIRTH: To Greg and Kathy Jackson, a son Jadin, their first child. Romane & Harriett Cole are maternal grandparents.

NOVEMBER D.M.A.

All retirees, all widows and widowers. Come at noon on Tuesday, November 23 to Fellowship Hall. Bring items of hobby, craft, or skill for display and participate in Show and Tell. Bring tableservice and a covered dish for the noon meal. Hosting are Audean Ashe, Gladys Hoop, and Fern Strole.

SUNDAY IS DECISION DAY

We would give special emphasis to basic decisions of life for Christ and transfer of membership during our worship hours this Sunday, November 21--DECISION DAY! If there are questions about such a decision, call Dr. Cline 744-3239 or 747-6587. TAKE A STAND FOR A GOD MADE KNOWN IN JESUS CHRIST!

PRAY FOR LAY WITNESS MISSION

Dean Widler is coordinating a Lay Witness Mission at Wesley Chapel United Methodist Church of Churubusco this weekend. Included on the team are Melanie Baugher, Patty Campbell, Susan Jones, Miriam Bixenman, Nancy Wortley and Elsie Widler.

THANK YOU NOTE

Dear Friends,

The beautiful floral tribute of white glads and mums honoring our father was so much appreciated.

Your friendship is certainly a treasure to us.

Sincerely,

The Emerson Fisher Family

SIGNIFICANT ACTIONS OF BOARD ON NOVEMBER 9, 1976

The overreaching goal, the incentive goal of a 7.5% increase in Participating Membership this church year, and enabling goals of Evangelism were approved. This calls for an intensive evangelistic concern by our congregation with wide involvement of our membership.

Recommendations of the Worship and Pastoral Relations Committee were approved including the hiring of Marilyn Byers as Financial Recorder and Assistant Secretary; Cory Church as Part-time Custodial worker; the opening of a position of pianist for Children's Choir; and the establishment of September 30, 1979 as a retirement date mutually set with Mrs. Bixenman.

After seeing many figures and doing much discussion, the Board approved the Program and Support Asking for 1977. Note the following comparsion with the budgeted figures for past church years. Inflation is a major factor of change.

	74-75	75-76	1977
Pastoral Professional Ministry	$33,303	$34,116	$39,992
Office Ministry	17,374	18,826	19,980
Educational Program	5,162	6,650	7,100
Evangelism	716	500	700
Membership Development	2,080	2,655	3,250
Provision of Building Facility	23,500	16,620	20,205
Stewardship Development	2,700	350	500
Facilitating Worship	6,050	5,900	6,400
Local Community Outreach and Service	5,000	5,010	7,650
Outreach Ministry in Region, Nation and World	15,000	18,700	19,650
	$110,885	$109,227	$125,507

On recommendation of the Membership Committee, an old-fashioned Christmas Dinner and Program will be held at 12:15 P.M. on Sunday, December 12. Homecooked turkey with the rest of the meal potluck and donations for meat cost. A motion to curtail cookies at Coffee Hours was defeated and several offers of help for the program were given. A third motion by the Membership Committee was approved to divide our membership into 52 groups and each group would be listed for prayer during the weeks of 1977. This will highlight and encourage prayer for <u>every</u> member of our congregation for a week of the new year.

A new program for reporting attendance at Church School and Through-the-week Educational Activities was approved with a major change coming on January 1, 1977. (continued on page four)

BOARD ACTION (from page three)

Upon recommendation of the Property Committee, priority lists were approved for volunteer building maintance projects for this year and also for a standing list of equipment needs of our church.

Standing Priority List of Building Equipment Needs for Special Gifts and usage of Building and Equipment Fund when released from present Building Fund Needs:

1. Folding Tables for Fellowship Hall - $1,000-$2,000
2. Small Water Heater - $?
3. Library Furniture - $1,055
4. New Choir Robes and Stoles - $900
5. Youth Lounge Furniture - $1,000-$2,000
6. Refurnish Parlor - $2,000
7. Neck Microphones - $?
8. Mini-Bus - $6,128
9. Fabric, padded stacking chairs - $648*
10. Coat Hangers - $500
11. Hand Bells - $900

*After the meeting, Item #9 was pledged by one of the members thus it will be taken off the list as it is shortly completed.

George Bruckman, Steve Harter, and Mark Snyder volunteered to serve with the Pastor for an exploratory meeting on December 9 for a new Christian Church in Fort Wayne.

Along with the heavy agenda of business, there were many reports and information concerning our people and life together.

NOW THANK WE ALL OUR GOD

Each of us has so much to be grateful for, and Thanksgiving is a special time to thank God for all the blessings He has bestowed upon us. Thanksgiving is a time we remember, too, that others live in want--not because God loves them less than us, but because things aren't shared equally in this world. Through our Thanksgiving offering we can make a response of gratitude for God's blessings, and share with others to make a difference in their lives.

Use special Thanksgiving envelopes for the special offering.

Susan Thompson, Outreach & Service Committee

CHOIR SELLING TICKETS TO MESSIAH

The Chancel Choir has purchased a block of 25 general admission tickets for the annal performance of the "Messiah" The Performance will be held December 5 beginning at 2:30 P.M. in the Embassy Theatre. Tickets are $4.00 apiece (Through special arrangements for these tickets, our Choir keeps $1.00 for each ticket sold.) See Sara Davis for tickets. Special Note: Our Charlie Newman is in the 32 voice chorus.

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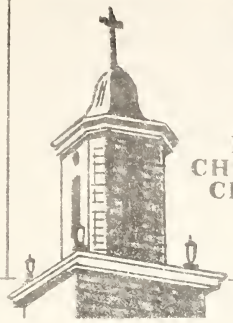

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CHURCH CALENDAR

UNDAY, NOVEMBER 28
"First Sunday in Advent"
:15 A.M. Meditative Worship
:30 A.M. Church School
0:45 A.M. Divine Worship
:00 P.M. Bell Choir
:15 P.M. Living the Adventure
:30 P.M. Youth Groups
:00 P.M. Celebration Worship
ONDAY, NOVEMBER 29
:30 P.M. Lay Personnel Committee
UESDAY, NOVEMBER 30
:30 P.M. Living the Adventure (Sunday section)
EDNESDAY, DECEMBER 1
:30 P.M. FCC vs. Christ United Methodist Church, (West Creighton Gym)
HURSDAY, DECEMBER 2
:30 A.M. Living the Adventure
:00 P.M. Chancel Choir

PANTRY NEEDS:
CRACKERS, MUSHROOM SOUP,
POWDERED MILK, CEREALS

UNDAY'S SERMON: "ENABLING CHRIST -- 1977 STYLE"

ADVENT SEASON

"ADVENT" means "COMING" - What does it really mean for people now? In depth, beyond the pretty songs, the archaic and quaint descriptions in our liturgies, the hurry and hustle of getting ready for Christmas --- what does ADVENT really mean?

1. *WHO IS COMING?*
   What form does he take?
2. *WHAT? THE COMING OF WHAT?*
   What are we waiting and longing for?
   What do we need most, really?
3. *WHERE?*
   Where does the "Coming" happen?
4. *WHEN?*
   Jesus came long ago. Does Jesus COME now?
5. *HOW? HOW DOES THE MESSIAH COME?*

Join in the lighting of the Advent Candle during worship the next four Sundays. We trust that our worships will exalt Jesus as the one coming to each of us and also Jesus as the one in whom and through whom we live in the world today. May we be receivers and enablers of his COMING!

SERVING NOVEMBER 28

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. William Schilling and Robert Hendricks

10:45 A.M. Steve Harter and Glenn Miller

DEACONS

8:15 A.M. F. Brown, E. Place, K. Place, S. Thompson

10:45 A.M. M. Finkhousen, A. Benny, Bev Hendricks, R. Wortley, G. Davis, K. Taylor, S. Hayes, D. Young

USHERS

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, D. Smith

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, R. Chevalier, H. Stevenson, M. Byers

GREETERS

8:15 A.M. E. Place-SW, K. Place-NW

10:45 A.M. R. Wortley-SW, A. Benny-NW, K. Taylor-NE, S. Hayes-SE

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COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

Donna and Robert Johnson

NURSERY WORKERS

8:15 A.M. M. Arruza

10:45 A.M. P. Norman, N. Lucas, K. Johnson

IN HOSPITALS

LUTHERAN 774 Mrs. Ruth Stone
572 Mr. Richard Hudrick

FUNERAL BY PASTOR

Mrs. Elaine Conrad on 11/23/76. Elaine identified by transfer from First Christian Church of Bloomington in 1936 and had served 5 terms as a deaconess. She had been a teacher and a choir member.

RESPONSES TO INVITATION

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Orr, 4528 Weatherside Run 46804; 432-8405, identified in a transfer of membership from Ninth St. Christian Church of Logansport. His employment as senior financial analyst at Essex International brought them to our community recently. Robert and Loretta have been singing in our choir. Loretta is in the home with Melissa who is in the Third Grade and David who is in the First Grade.

We rejoice with these in their decision and new life among us.

D. M. A.

Because of the funeral service of Elaine Conrad, the D.M.A. was postponed from the 23rd to the 30th. Come to a potluck meal at 12:00 next Tuesday. Bring item of hobby, craft, or skill to display and participate in Show and Tell. Hosting are Audean Ashe, Fern Strole, and Dessie Buchman. Bring Table service and a covered dish.

C. W. F. EVALUATION

The next meeting of the C.W.F. Evaluation Committee will be at 9:15 A.M. on Tuesday, December 7 in the Conference Room.

The results of the questionnaire area available for anyone. If interested, contact Judy Church

ETHICS STUDY GROUP

The Harmony Class Ethics Study will meet at 7:00 P.M. next Monday the 29th. This is open for any interested persons.

THANKSGIVING OFFERING

We have received a total of $454.66 in our special Thanksgiving offering through last Sunday. Use the special envelopes in the pews or sets this Sunday to help us achieve a total of $600.00.

YOUTH BELL CHOIR

Our Youth Bell Choir will have two important rehearsals this weekend: 10:30 A.M. on Saturday and 3:30 P.M. on Sunday.

They are leaving for an over night trip with the C.Y.F. of FCC of Greensburg at 12:30 P.M., Saturday, December 4. They will play for worship there on Sunday in Steve Dole's home congregation.

PLAN FOR CHRISTMAS

Schedule in one of our two Christmas Eve Worships on December 24:

7:00 P.M. Children and Family Worship

11:00 P.M. Candlelighting Worship

December 19 is the final Sunday of Advent and December 26 is Christmas Sunday. These are important days of worship and celebration and giving.

NOTICE TO ELEMENTARY AND KINDERGARTEN TEACHERS

There will be two Christmas Assemblies for children on Sunday, Dec. 12. The first for Kindergarten, 1st, and 2nd grades will be promptly at 9:30 A.M. in the first grade room. The second will be at 10:15 in the 5th & 6th grade room, and will be for 3rd, 4th, 5th, and 6th grade children.

ALL CHURCH CHRISTMAS DINNER

The all church old fashioned Christmas dinner will be held at 12:15 P.M. on Sunday, December 12. There will be a planned menu, with turkey and dressing provided at a nominal fee (75¢ per person), and the balance of the planned menu divided among the balance of the congregation according to the letter with which your last name begins. The program will include carol singing by the congregation, a film, and a brief program by our children, plus a visit from Santa. We do need reservations, however, in order to know how much turkey to prepare. Please phone reservations to the church office by December 8.

LEAD PROGRAM--VISITATION

A program of visitation and shepherding of our membership was approved at the September Board Meeting. This program is being piloted by our National office by using 14 churches of Indiana. Our pastor and 3 lay persons will receive an intensive 38 hours of training during three weekends in the spring. These will become initiators and enablers of others of the congregation to share a concern for a vital life in the congregation of every member. We rejoice in this opportunity for growth and training in working with our membership.

GUEST SOLOIST IN MARION

Becky Stucky will be singing in the Marion College production of the "Messiah" on December 5.

COMMITMENT SUNDAY IS DECEMBER 5!

We have not taken a serious look at our regular church giving for over one and one-half years. Inflation has changed realistic spending at least 10% in that period. We need to be making realistic commitments expressive of faith, decision, and commitment on December 5 for the new calendar year of 1977!

AWARENESS

-- Our Program and Support jumps to $125,507 for 1977. This is a significant increase calling for weekly giving to $2,413.65. No one of us can underwrite all these needs, but together we can.
-- This asking provides money to lease and operate one mini-bus for use of our congregation. Strong feelings have been expressed for this need and $2,300 is set aside for this new possibility among us.
-- Stacking Cribs because of our crowded Crib Room is included in a $1,200 asking for equipment by the Education Committee.
-- Building insurance, utilities, and maintenance have sharply increased, e.g. our basic insurance coverage jumped from $1,591 annually to a new annual figure of $2,907.
-- Salaries which were to be reviewed in January, 1976, but which were not considered at that time, have been changed to meet inflationary changes.

COMMITMENT

Every member and friend of First Christian needs to take stock and make a commitment for 1977 according to financial possibilities. We are an affluent people and we can reach the needs of the church for ministry.

Most every single or retiree or widow might consider a minimum of $5 a week or $25 per month. Many are doing more than this and can increase because of increased social security or other gains in the last 1½ years.

A family with one or two working incomes might consider a minimum of $10 per week or $50 per month. Most families should be moving to $20 weekly or $100 monthly as a minimum.

We have two jump points which need to be made. (1) Many who are giving only token amounts to the church in this economic day need to start significant giving like the minimums above. (2) Many who are giving need to move up to realistic commitment of our day which would range from $20 to $75 weekly or $100 to $300 monthly.

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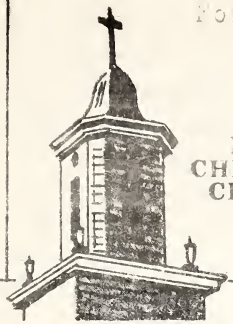

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CHURCH CALENDAR

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 4

12:00 Noon CYF leave for Greensburg
12:00 Noon Nelson Group leaves for Crowders

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5

8:15 A.M. Meditative Worship
9:30 A.M. Church School
10:45 A.M. Divine Worship
5:30 P.M. Chi Rho
7:00 P.M. Celebration Worship

MONDAY, DECEMBER 6

6:30 P.M. Brummel Group, Pat Norman, 3617 Reed St.
7:30 P.M. Property Committee

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 7

9:00 A.M. Kepple Group, Sarah Smith, 3927 Meda Pass
7:30 P.M. Board of Trustees

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 8

10:30 A.M. Spice Group, Rychie Smell, 4126 Roxton Lane
7:30 P.M. Fireside Group, Clines, 5705 Fernwood

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 9

9:30 A.M. Living the Adventure
9:30 A.M. Rivera Group
7:30 P.M. Chancel Choir

PANTRY NEEDS: CRACKERS, SOUPS

POWDERED MILK

COMMITMENT SUNDAY

Every member and friend of First Christian Church is invited to express intentions for giving for the calendar year 1977 this Sunday. This is a heart-check time which is crucial for each person and very crucial for the ongoing mission and ministry of our congregation. If any cannot bring a commitment to worship, an envelope was provided in the special mailing for usage. We trust that all received the letter and commitment form this week and will respond to it prayerfully.

CHALLENGE

Our personnel, program, and mission needs total $125,507 and this is an extremely high move for us to make in light of where we have been during parts of the last 18 months. Yet, the greater challenge is to persons to reflect Christian commitment with a responsible investment of a portion of the totality of life and resources given by God.

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SERVING DECEMBER 5

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Ralph Church and Mark Snyder

10:45 A.M. Fred Smell and Glenn Miller

DEACONS

8:15 A.M. M. Hartman, C. Church, B. Lehman, M.L. Hartzler

10:45 A.M. M. Lehman, H. Stevenson, J. Wiley, D. Andrews, S. Knuckles, E. Nordblom, R. Baugher, R. Krull

USHERS

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, D. Smith

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, R. Chevalier, H. Stevenson

GREETERS

8:15 A.M. B. Lehman-NW, M.L. Hartzler-SW

10:45 A.M. D. Andrews-NW, H. Stevenson-SW, J. Wiley-NE, E. Nordblom-SE

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NURSERY WORKERS

8:15 A.M. C. Lee

10:45 A.M. J. Markley, B. Markley, B. Finkhousen

IN HOSPITALS

LUTHERAN: 572 Mr. Richard Hudrick
489 Mrs. Mildred Young

NOVEMBER AVERAGES

Worship	304
Church School	118
Through-the-Week-Education	37
Program Support	$1,828.92
Building Fund	443.84

NEW MEMBERS DURING NOVEMBER:
Robert & Loretta Orr

BELL CHOIR TO GREENSBURG

Our Youth Bell Choir is playing both for Church School and Worship this Sunday at First Christian Church in Greensburg, which is the home congregation of Steve Doles.

Participating are: Melanie Baugher, Kim & Mike Campbell, Cory & Dan Church, Carol & Chad Cline, Clint Crowe, Anne Lee, Kathy Lee, Ken Taylor, and Diana Wortley. Driving are: Judy & Ralph Church, Mel Busse, and Marlene Crouse.

The group will meet at 12:00 noon on Saturday to leave and will arrive back at 4:30 to 5:00 on Sunday. Each is to take his own sleeping bag.

HARMONY CLASS GOALS

The Harmony Class (formerly 58 Class) has set a financial goal as well as an attendance goal to be reached during the Advent Season. By December 19, we want to have 25 people in class during the Church School hour and contribute $50 toward the special Christmas offering. To all who have visited the class, we invite you to come again. To those who have not identified with another class, we urge you to visit at 9:30 A.M. Sunday in the east end of Fellowship Hall. Jack Weicker is the teacher.

ALL CHURCH CAROLING PARTY!

We need people of all ages to join us Sunday afternoon, December 19 at 4:30 on the Caroling-Party. Please call the church office and add your name!

CHRISTMAS DINNER

The All Church Old Fashioned Christmas Dinner will be at 12:15 P.M. on Sunday, December 12, in Fellowship Hall. The program will consist of caro singing, a Christmas Film, "The City That Forgot About Christmas", a brie program by the children of our church school, and a visit from Santa. Th ere will be child care for crib babies only, since the program is for fam ilies, children included.

The dinner will be a home cooked turkey dinner, with turkey, dressing, rolls, and beverage provided at a nominal cost of 75¢ per person. Familie are asked to bring their own table service and food items sufficient for 1 servings, according the the following schedule, using the initial of the last name: A-D: Potatoes; E-J: Vegetables; K-R: Salad; S-Z: Dessert

We do need your reservations by Monday, December 6, in order to know ho much turkey to prepare. Please phone the church office.

CHRISTMAS CARD TREE

The World Outreach Committee is sponsoring a Christmas Card Tree, which will be located in our Narthex, beginning Sunday, December 5. Persons or families send one card to the church for our entire Church Family. Included with the card should be a gift of money saved by not buying cards and stamps for those in the church. This money will be divided equally between the Cleveland Christian Home and the Emily E. Flinn Home. Names of persons sending these cards will be published in TIDINGS.

CHURCH BOARD MEETING

All members of the Board are needed for the December meeting, Tuesday, the 7th at 7:30 P.M. Agenda items include: action on Board of Church Extension Investments, recommendation of Evangelism Committee concerning How to Equip Lay People to Evangelize Regularly, Insurance program for

(continued next column)

SOCK AND MITTEN TREE

Our Christian Education Committee and World Outreach Committee are jointly sponsoring a "Sock and Mitten Tree" for the Church School. This tree will be located in Fellowship Hall beginning this Sunday. Persons may bring socks, mitten, or hats to hang on the tree. Any size is acceptable (children may want to bring their own size). Items will be taken to the Christmas Burear on December 20 to be distributed here in Fort Wayne.

NELSON GROUP TO CROWDERS

The Nelson CWF Group, of which Colyn Crowder was an active member will visit the Crowders in Bloomington this Saturday and Sunday. Those going will be Edna Nordblom, Ardith Wrisk, LaVerne Hunt, Delores Overmyer, Vee Parlette, Nancy Wortley and Miriam Bixenman.

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church, and Winter and Spring offerings of School of Christian Growth.

COMMITMENT SUNDAY (from page one)

EVERYONE GIVING

Even though commitment forms were limited to one per household, it is important for learning and growing for children to be responsible in giving. Whenever a teenager starts earning, giving needs to reflect income. We desire every household and every person to be reflected in the expression of commitments. Ample forms are available at the church. The church is people in Christ--we need all of the church supporting its life and work.

PROPORTIONATE GIVING

Not all can give the same because of variant financial resources. Some giving 50¢ a week or $5 a month are reflecting equal commitment with those giving $10 or $25 per week. The Bible teaches 10% or a tithe as a beginning point. These guidelines are helpful for figuring:

BEGINNING COMMITMENT - $1 per week in giving per $1,000 of annual income.

AVERAGE OR TITHE COMMITMENT - $2 per week in giving per $1,000 of annual income.

SACRIFICIAL COMMITMENT - $3 per week in giving per $1,000 of annual income.

We have people at all of these levels. The most important thing is to make a start and develop a program and upward goal for percentage or proportionate giving!

CARRYING THE LOAD: Frankly, we need this kind of upward movements:

10 instead of 3 giving $50 or more weekly through FCC
30 instead of 9 giving $30 or more weekly through FCC
75 instead of 26 giving $20 or more weekly through FCC
125 instead of 74 giving $10 or more weekly through FCC

INFLATION: Inflated incomes and social security make it imperative that most all reflect these increases to keep even in giving.

FIXED INCOMES: Some are on fixed and very limited incomes. This is understood and respected when the best possible is done. Some of these need to make sure a Christian will reflects their best intentions of commitment.

SPIRITUAL LIFE: Commitment Sunday is perhaps the most spiritual discipline and experience of the year! Come to it with prayer and the openness of life which reflects to the greatest degree that Jesus Christ is Lord of life!

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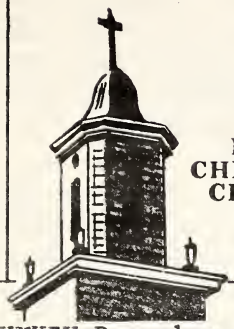

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CHURCH CALENDAR

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 11
6:15 P.M. Progressive Class Party
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12
8:15 A.M. Meditative Worship
9:30 A.M. Church School
10:45 A.M. Divine Worship
12:15 P.M. All-Church Christmas Dinner
4:00 P.M. Chi Rho
5:15 P.M. Living the Adventure
5:30 P.M. CYF
7:00 P.M. Celebration Worship
MONDAY, DECEMBER 13
1:00 P.M. Gamboe Group, Ethel Lahmon, 223 W. Sherwood Terr.
6:30 P.M. Guild Christmas Dinner
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14
8:30 P.M. FCC vs. Trinity Presbyterian
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15
9:30 A.M. Living the Adventure
7:30 P.M. Chancel Choir

PANTRY NEEDS: POWDERED MILK, SOUPS, CANNED FRUIT

Christmas Sunday - December 26 - Chancel Choir & Brass Ensemble with much special music.

ADVENTING

"Getting ready is beginning to be what you hope to be someday in the trust that someday will be here sooner than you maybe think. Look out!"

J. Barrie Shephard in ALIVE NOW

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Sermon at 8:15 and 10:45 A.M. -- "KNOWING HIS PRESENCE" - Read Zephaniah 3:14-18; Philippians 4:4-7; Luke 3:7-18.

Advent Music - Hymn of Month, "New Man on Earth"; Soloist both hours - Janet Weicker; Chancel Choir singing, "Carol of the Sheep Fold"

Christmas Dinner - All are invited to share this holiday festivity at 12:15 in Fellowship Hall. (full story on page four.)

ADVENT & CHRISTMAS HIGHLIGHTS

All Church Caroling - 4:30 to 6:30 P.M., Sunday, December 19

All Choirs sharing in worship at 10:45 A.M. on December 19.

Family & Children's Christmas Eve Worship - December 24 at 7:00

Candlelighting Christmas Eve Worship, December 24 at 11:00 P.M.

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SERVING DECEMBER 12

Elders

8:15 A.M. Robert Rayl and Merle Grimm

10:45 A.M. Dean Widler and Jack Weicker

Deacons

8:15 A.M. C. Hetrick, D. Keebortz, B. Pauley, D. Allen

10:45 A.M. E. Conrad, J. Taylor, M. Crouse, D. Short, T. Frappier, S. Rayl, S. Schell, C. Cline

Ushers

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, D. Smith

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, R. Chevalier, H. Stevenson

Greeters

8:15 A.M. B. Pauley-SW, D. Allen-NW

10:45 A.M. D. Short-NW, T. Frappier-SW, S. Rayl-NE, S. Schell-SE

Homebound Communion

William Schilling - Joe Wiley
Mark Snyder - Russell Wortley

Communion Preparation

Peg Buskirk & Rosemary Krull

Nursery Workers

8:15 A.M. Beth Schilling

10:45 A.M. L. Wiley, J. Ott, C. Cline

IN HOSPITALS

Lutheran: 325 Mrs. Ruth Yentes
489 Mrs. Mildred Young
572 Mr. Richard Hudrick

CUC CLASS TO SET UP TREES

The Christians Under Construction Class will meet Saturday to put up the trees in the nave and narthes. Call Widlers for time.

CHURCH COOKBOOKS ON SALE THIS SUNDAY!

CHURCH SCHOOL CHALLENGE

The Harmony Class is challenging any and all Church School Classes to double their September, October, November average on any Sunday of December. A special "treat" is in store on January 9th from the Harmony Class for any who achieve this challenge! Let's get with it! The averages will be available Sunday! Will any achieve a doubling???

THANK YOU NOTES

"I desire to thank our Pastor and Mrs. Bixenman for calls and prayers and for all the cards and personal visits and for all your concerns during my stay in the hospital and while resting at home."

As ever yours in Christ,
Ethel Allen

Members and Friends of First Christian Church:

Your kind expression of sympathy is deeply appreciated and gratefully acknowledged. The arrangement of white mums and pink glads beautiful!

Frances J. Atkins

"Thank you very much for the Campbell soup labels for our Day Care Center. This has been very successful and we are pleased with the response of our friends. Please keep them coming.

Thank you for your kind interest in the welfare of our children.

Sincerely yours,
John Patten
Administrator of Cleveland Christian Home

COMMITMENTS SUPPORTING MISSION AND MINISTRY DURING 1977

We rejoice in significiant expression by 131 giving units this past Sunday. Since 369 giving units were represented in our giving in 1975, we need to be hearing from so many, many more--Send in giving intentions NOW!

WHERE WE ARE - DECEMBER 6, 1976

46 Member Couples - One or both employed	$ 39,627.80
30 Member Couples - Retired	13,536.00
37 Single Adults - Widowed, divorced, non-married	13,835.20
11 Youth - Under 18	373.00
6 Non-Member Couples or Singles	2,750.00
1 Anonoymous	104.00
131 GIVING UNITS COMMITTING A TOTAL.	$ 70,226.00

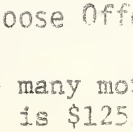
Anticipated Income:

Endowment, Church School, Loose Offering	4,260.00
TOTAL.	$ 74,486.00

We need the expression of so many more since our needs for the Program of Ministry and Mission for 1977 is $125,507. Please indicate your intention on the Commitment Forms mailed last week or available at the church. We would like to hear from every member and friend--we could easily go over the top of our goal!

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS TO YOU:

The following are sending Christmas Greetings to all of our church family:



Dorothy Merriman
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Chevalier
Clarence & Blanche Hetrick
Homer & Hortense Stevenson
Carl & Mildred Linn
Ed & Rose Jenkins & children
Linda, Joe, & Erin Wiley

Send your Christmas Card for the Narthex Tree and a contribution in lieu of cost of many cards and stamps to the church. These gifts will be used for Flinn and Cleveland Christian Homes.

PROGRESSIVE CLASS PARTY

The Progressive Class Christmas Party will be December 11, at 6:15 P.M. in Fellowship Hall. Meat folls, and coffee will be furnished. Bring a covered dish and a $1.00 gift for exchange. Please mark your gift for a man or woman.

ATTENTION DIACONATE

We are listing names of those serving in the Sunday bulletin. If you cannot serve, secure a substitute and call the office by 9:00 A.M. on Friday morning to give correct name. We are desiring that correct names be in the bulletin for serving elders and deacons unless it is last minute change.

ALL CHURCH CHRISTMAS DINNER

Come to the old fashioned Christmas Dinner this Sunday immediately following the Divine Worship Service. Cooking our turkeys and making dressing at home will be Vivian Crouse, Eileen Klepfer, Marge Lehman, Miriam Bixenman, Doris Sauerwein, Connie Wells, Peg Buskirk and Pauline Snyder. Others are asked to bring covered dishes sufficient to serve 15 PERSONS, according to the following alphabetical designation, using the letter with which their last name begins: A-D bring potatoes; E-J, bring vegetables; K-R, bring salads; and S-Z, bring desserts. Eileen Klepfer is overall chairwoman of the dinner and will be assisted by Mildred Hartman, Margaret and Bill Love, Pauline and Mark Snyder, Sue Knuckles, Elinor Place, Nancy Wortley, and Peg Buskirk. Bob Johnson is in charge of setting up the dining room, and Sue Allen in charge of decorations. Sara Davis and Jerry Zimmerman will be in charge of congregational Christmas Carol singing, and children of our Church School through grade 6 will bring a brief program. We will see a special Christmas film, "The City That Forgot About Christmas", which is a "Benji and Waldo" special. A special ordination gift will be presented to Ed Allen, Jr. and some congregational business will be conducted. The party will end with a very special visit from Santa, complete with a gift for each child.

ADVENT WREATH IN WORSHIP

We are sensing the anticipation and preparation for the celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ as we light candles in our hanging Advent Wreath.

Leading in the lighting of our Advent Wreath have been and will be:

November 28		
8:15	A.M.	Jack Sauerwein family
10:45	A.M.	Jerry Zimmerman family
December 5		
8:15	A.M.	Robert Johnson family
10:45	A.M.	Robert Orr family
December 12		
8:15	A.M.	Bob Pauley family
10:45	A.M.	Michael Byers family
December 19		
8:15	A.M.	Michael Watson family
10:45	A.M.	John Beckstein family

WEEKEND FOR CONGREGATIONAL LEADERS

We have a special opportunity at French Lick January 14-16--a special event known as Educare. There will be workshops in the following areas: Planning and Implementing Church Education, Worship and Personal Growth, Understanding the Learner in the Mid-Seventies, Approaches to Teaching the Bible, Evangelism, and Stewardship. Total cost of the event per person is ¢55.60. The church will pay half of the first eight who register. Get your reservations to Miriam Bixenman this week. A $10.00 deposit may be made on your fee now, and the rest paid January 1.

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CHURCH CALENDAR

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 18
8:50 A.M. Bell Choir leaves for Flinn Home
6:30 P.M. Hunt-Moriarty Wedding

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 19
7:50 A.M. Bell Choir at church
8:15 A.M. Meditative Worship
9:30 A.M. Church School
10:45 A.M. Divine Worship
3:00 P.M. Choir Rehearsal
4:30 P.M. Caroling Party
7:00 P.M. Celebration Worship

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 21
6:30 P.M. Living the Adventure (Sunday Section) Susan Jones, 7112 Hickory Creek

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 22
5:30 P.M. Chi Rho Party, Miriam Bixenman, 4430 Wilmette

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 23
7:30 P.M. No Chancel Choir
8:00 P.M. College & Career, Scott Rayl, 4220 Richfield

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 24
Church Office Closed

PANTRY NEEDS: CEREALS, SOUPS, CRACKERS, POWDERED MILK

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

We complete the lighting of our Advent Wreath this Sunday! Sermon: "POWER IN THE HUMBLEST" - Micah 5:2-5; Hebrews 10:5-10, Luke 1:39-55, Philippians 2:1-11.

MUSICAL HIGHLIGHTS:

Our Youth Bell Choir directed by Mel Busse will play at 8:15 and 10:45 Worship hours.

Our Children's Choir and our Chancel Choir will sing at Divine Worship at 10:45.

All-Church Caroling is at 4:30 P.M. - The invitation mat is out for more to join the 85 signed up to go caroling from 4:30 to 6:30 P.M. in buses. Audean Ashe, Dessie Buchman, and Fern Strole will have refreshments upon return.

CHRISTMAS EVE:

7:00 P.M. - Family & Children's Christmas Eve Worship

11:00 P.M. Candlelighting Christmas Eve Worship; 10:30 Musical Prelude by Barb Busse, Sara Davis and Jerry Zimmerman.

SERVING DECEMBER 19

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Ross Harter and Ralph Church

10:45 A.M. Robert Johnson and Rolland Ripple

DEACONS

8:15 A.M. E. Brown, E. Place, K. Place, S. Thompson

10:45 A.M. M. Finkhousen, B. Hendricks, A. Benny, R. Wortley, G. Davis, K. Taylor, S. Hayes, D. Young

USHERS

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, D. Smith

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, R. Chevalier, H. Stevenson

GREETERS

8:15 A.M. E. Brown-NW, S. Thompson-SW

10:45 A.M. D. Young-NW, B. Hendricks-SW, M. Finkhousen-SE, G. Davis-NE

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Peg Buskirk and Rosemary Krull

NURSERY WORKERS

8:15 A.M. A. Lee

10:45 A.M. A. Newman, B. Short, N. Hendricks

IN HOSPITALS

LUTHERAN: 572 Mr. Richard Hudrick
473 Mrs. Mildred Young

FUNERAL OF MEMBER:

Mrs. Audrey Helmuth by the pastor on 12/13/76. She was well known for her book reviews and stories. Sympathy is extended to Herdis and the two children.

To Helen Lobdell and family in the sudden death of her husband, John, last Saturday.

RESPONSES TO INVITATION

MRS. JOHN WILHELM, 5023 Gardenview, 09, 747-4424, identified in a transfer of membership from Liberty Christian Church, Madison, Indiana. Mary is in the home with son, Jim. Her daughter, Jolene, is married. Her husband, John, died last August.

MONTE TOBIAS, 10719 U.S. 27 So, Lot 50, 16, 639-6455, identified in a transfer of membership from Emmanual Lutheran Church of New Haven. Monte married Phyllis Pusey of our congregation last April. Monte is employed at Goodrich in Woodburn and Phyllis is employed at Lincoln National Life Insurance Co.

OPEN CHURCH WEDDING

In the spirit of Christian joy Cindy Rae Hunt and Michael Paul Moriarty will vow their lives to one another forever on Saturday, December 18, 1976 at 6:30 in the evening. Our families invite you to join them asking God's blessing upon this holy union at First Christian Church, 4800 S. Calhoun, Fort Wayne, Indiana.

CONGRATULATIONS ON BIRTH

To John and Susan Fleck, a son, Jeremy Woods on 12/7/76. Maternal grandparents are Gene & Eileen Klepfer.

CORRECTION SHEETS FOR THE CHURCH COOKBOOK MAY BE PICKED UP THIS SUNDAY BY ANYONE WHO PURCHASED A BOOK LAST SUNDAY.

SCHOOL FOR CHRISTIAN GROWTH

WINTER AND SPRING OF 1977

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH FORT WAYNE, INDIANA

We believe that the Christian life is a pilgrimmage of growth into our Lord Jesus Christ. We desire to offer opportunities for personal enrichment and growth. We desire to equip ourselves to better minister and serve others. We desire to know God and to love Him and one another in more wholesome ways.

There is a minimum number for each course which must be met by January 3 or two weeks prior to any special event. This is the beginning of a regular series of educational growth opportunities for the year. Costs are listed for materials. Classes will not be offered if minimum registrants are not received. Some will be limited to a certain number.

WEEKLY STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

HE EDGE OF ADVENTURE led by Miriam Bixenman

Sunday Evenings, 5:15 to 6:45 P.M. for 13 weeks, January 9 through pril 3.

RESOURCES: Reading Book - THE EDGE OF ADVENTURE which includes irst steps" of Christian commitment written jointly by Keith Miller d Bruce Larson and a response manual for each person. Cassette pes featuring the two writers and giving instructions will be used the leader.

DESCRIPTION: Course challenges to experiment on the basis that d is real and that prayer is communication with God. First problems a mature attempt to commit the wholeness of life to Christ are the cus.

COST: $6 for Reading Book and Response Book.

DERSTANDING THE OLD TESTAMENT led by Harold Cline

Will be offered twice weekly if registrations are adequate and will be determined by response.

I. Monday Evenings, 7:15 to 9:00 P.M., January 10-May 16

II. Thursday Mornings, 9:30 to 11:00 A.M., January 13-May 26 (except April 7)

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III. Thursday Evenings, 7:15 to 9:00 P.M., January 13-May 26, (except April 7)

RESOURCE: College Text Book, UNDERSTANDING THE OLD TESTAMENT by Bernhard Anderson and assigned reading of the Old Testament.

DESCRIPTION: A serious Bible Study with expected reading both of text and Old Testament assignments. The Old Testament will be seen as Israel's Sacred History, Israel's Life-Story, and the Theater of God's Activity.

COST: $13.00 for Text book which is currently on hand for registrants who pay.

YOGA POSTURES AND CHRISTIAN MEDITATION led by Ruby Cline

Monday Evenings, 7:30 to 9:00 P.M., January 10-May 16 (except April 7)

Thursday Evenings, 7:30 to 9:00 P.M., January 13-May 26 (except April 7)

DESCRIPTION: Twelve different yoga postures practiced to improve BODY. (Done at individual's own pace.) Different books of prayer to be read and discussed to improve the MIND. The art of Christian meditation will be experienced each week to improve the SPIRIT. (Wear loose fitting clothes and bring a mat or blanket.)

COST: $5 towards purchase of Library books which will be read and passed among the group.

THE FAT IS IN YOUR HEAD led by Miriam Bixenman

Tuesday Mornings, 9:30 to 11:00 A.M., January 11-March 29

RESOURCES: THE FAT IS IN YOUR HEAD by Charlie Shedd and Cassette Tape Study

DESCRIPTION: A group experience to work on overweight with discipline and fun.

COST: $6 for book and cassette tape usage.

OVER EATERS ANONYMOUS led by Elsie Widler

Thursdays, 7:00 to 7:30 P.M., January 13-May 26 (except April 7)

DESCRIPTION: Use of materials and discipline of national group of OVER EATERS ANONYMOUS

COST: $5 for materials.

LIFE WITHOUT LIMITS - STUDY OF GOSPEL OF MARK

10:00-11:30 A.M. on every other Monday - a continuing group (may join January 10 - shared leadership among group.

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DESCRIPTION: Text, LIFE WITHOUT LIMITS by Lloyd Ogilvie and Bible discussion and interaction.
COST: $8 for text.

SHORT TERM WEEKLY SERIES

FIVE WEEK SERIES ON "GOOD GRIEF" led by Harold Cline

Sundays, 5:15 to 6:45 P.M., January 9-February 6
RESOURCE: GOOD GRIEF by Granger E. Westburg.
DESCRIPTION: A constructive approach to the problem of loss by death, divorce, surgery, job, etc. The book and also a cassette study will be utilized as the basis of study and interaction.
COST: $3 for book and other resource materials used.

SPECIAL SERIES ON MONEY MANAGEMENT led by Harold Cline and special committee

Sundays, 5:15 to 6:45 P.M., February 27-March 27
DESCRIPTION: Use of Study Guide CHRISTIANS DOING FINANCIAL PLANNING and special resource people on budgeting, estate planning, wills, annuities, charitable remainder trusts. Sessions will be designed that one may attend all of the series or one can choose particular events.
COST: $3 for booklet, CHRISTIANS DOING FINANCIAL PLANNING and other resource materials.

FINDING CHRIST led by Harold Cline

9:30 to 10:30 A.M. on Sunday mornings during Church School in Room 120 I. January 9,16, & 23 II April 17, 24, & May 1
DESCRIPTION: An experience and study of what it means to find Christ as Lord for seeks of Christian faith.

ADULT DISCIPLESHIP CLASSES led by Harold Cline

9:30 to 10:30 on Sunday morning during Church School in Room 120.
I. - February 6, 13, 20, 27; March 6, 13, 20, 27, April 3.
II. - May 8, 15, 22, 29; June 5, 12, 19, 26.
DESCRIPTION: A study of basic elements of Christian discipline and involvement in the life of the church. Basics about Bible, Christ, church history, being a Christian, becoming a Christian, worship and communion, and Christian life will be discussed.

RETREATS AT CAMP BARBEE

TWENTY-FOUR HOUR SPIRITUAL GROWTH RETREAT led by Ruby Cline

Leave church parking lot at 1:00 on Tuesday, January 25 and return by 3:00 on Wednesday, January 26. Program will be from 2:00 to 2:00 at Camp Barbee. Limited to 20 participants.

RESOURCE: TASTE AND SEE by William Paulsell

DESCRIPTION: This retreat is for those who are interested in taking a look at their devotional and prayer life and are serious about improving this part of their pilgrimmage with God. Hopefully the retreat in and of itself will be an experience of the moving of the Holy Spirit in each life. Areas: *Meaning of Prayer, various methods of Bible Study, Meditative Prayer, Contemplative Prayer, art of Journaling, Living Together in Silence, Discipline of Devotional Life.*

COST: $5.00 for book and camp grounds plus sharing in planned menu for the three meals of the group.

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND led by Juanita Mendenhall

Friday evening, 7:00 P.M. until Sunday afternoon at 2:00 P.M. on March 4-6 at Camp Barbee, limited to the first 9 couples.

DESCRIPTION: Guest leader to help couples communicate and appreciate one another in the format of Marriage Encounter and Enrichment. Much time for couples to be working with partners alone on issues in light of group times.

COST: $14 per couple plus ahring food in planned menu.

YOUTH DISCIPLESHIP CAMP OUT

5:00 P.M., Friday, February 18 to 5:00 P.M. Saturday, February 19 at Camp Barbee especially for youth of grades 6, 7, & 8 but open to others upon request. Will be led by Harold Cline and Miriam Bixenman.

DESCRIPTION: Background study of what it means to accept Christ and become a member of the church. Replaces traditional pastor's class series.

COST: $2 and sharing in planned menu for food.

SPECIAL DEVELOPMENTAL EVENTS FOR EQUIPPING PERSONS IN VARIOUS MINISTRIES

* indicates specific brochures in church office

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BE A PEOPLE HELPER SEMINAR* - DR. GARY COLLINS

TIME: Friday evening & Saturday, January 7 & 8 at Brookside Mennonite Church for Stress Seminar - "Coping with Stress in Yourself and Others"; 12 weeks in various locations of People Helper Growth Sessions; Saturday afternoon - Reach Out Seminar

RESOURCES: Participants will be given HOW TO BE A PEOPLE HELPER, PEOPLE HELPER GROWTH BOOK, seminar notes, and loose leaf binder.

DESCRIPTION: To train laity and leaders in discipline and non-professional counseling to help others get along better, find freedom from conflicts, be at peace with self, and growing communion with God.

COST: $35.00 per person or $60.00 per couple - $5 more if not registered by January 7.

EDUCARE - A RENEWAL EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM OF THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH IN INDIANA*

I. 6:00 P.M., Friday, January 14 to 1:00 P.M., Sunday, January 16 at French-Lick Sheraton Hotel, French Lick, Indiana.

II. Cluster Locations on Friday nights and Saturdays, March 18 & 19 and 25 & 26.

DESCRIPTION: Provide specific leadership training opportunities for persons in various educational, stewardship, or evangelism ministries. It is the first step of a four year program of Disciples in RENEWING THE CONGREGATION'S EDUCATIONAL MINISTRY.

COST: $52.00 to $55.60 per person of which the church will pay one-half up to the first 8 registrants at French Lick. Clusters will be much cheaper.

A MICHIGAN FAITH AT WORK CONFERENCE*

Friday and Saturday, January 28-29 at Bethel College Science Building, Mishawaka, Indiana

DESCRIPTION: Come as you are to share, encourage, refresh. General sessions, discovery groups, workshops.

COST: $8 per person which includes Saturday lunch.

HOW TO EQUIP LAY PEOPLE TO EVANGELIZE REGULARLY*

January 28-30, Friday evening through Sunday afternoon at College Hill Presbyterian Church, Cincinnati, Ohio

DESCRIPTION: How to develop a life style of Total Evangelism by a team of pastor and lay persons. Inspiration and instruction with a variety of approaches including follow up and development of disciples.

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COST: $50 per person of which the church will pay one-half for the first 4 registrants and must be decided by January 10.

RENEWAL CONFERENCE OF CHRISTIAN CHURCH IN INDIANA*

Friday evening and Saturday, February 11 & 12 at Third Christian Church on highway #37 at Fall Creek in Indianapolis. Begins with dinner at 6:30 P.M. and ends at 5:15 P.M. on Saturday.

DESCRIPTION: Dr. Jerry Kirk of College Hill Presbyterian Church, Cincinnati plus a team of his lay persons will lead this event to set fires and to describe and challenge to a total renewal of congregational life. Sessions center on "Get Charged", "Get Together" and "Get On With It". Workshops for ministry include: Koinonia Groups, Creative Worship, Community Outreach, Healing, Gifts of the Spirit, How to Equip Lay People to Evangelize Regularly, and Stewardship.

COST: $10 per person which includes Friday dinner, Saturday breakfast, and Saturday lunch. Housing is free in homes or can be at own cost in nearby motels. Church will pay one half of registration to first 14 registrants.

SERENDIPITY ADVANCED TRAINING WORKSHOP WITH LYMAN COLEMAN*

Saturday, 9:00 to 6:00 with lunch included in Cleveland on March 12 and in Detroit on April 2.

DESCRIPTION: 8 hours of advanced training in the skills of Serendipity group leadership.

COST: $30 includes meal and ENCYCLOPEDIA OF SERENDIPITY.

FAITH AT WORK LEADERSHIP TRAINING INSTITUTE*

May 8-14 in Chicago

DESCRIPTION: Spend one week with about sixty Christians being led in a life changing experience. Goals include: Becoming aware of who God created me to be; relating to a family group of 6 or 7 fellow adventurers, discerning the gifts we each have and enabling them; developing my own style of emergent leadership.

COST: $125 tuition and about $125 housing and meals for the week.

FESTIVALS OF HOPE - "WALK INTO THE FUTURE"

Chicago, Illinois at Holiday Inn, O'Hare, Thursday, 7:15 P.M. to 12:30 Saturday, May 19-21

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DESCRIPTION: Presentations, workshops, leadership with Bruce Larson, Lyman Coleman, Keith Miller and Lloyd Ogilvie.

COST: $40 payable in advance with registration plus costs of transportation, housing, and meals.

PLEASE SEE NEXT PAGE FOR

COMPREHENSIVE REGISTRATION FORM

REGISTRATION FOR SCHOOL OF CHRISTIAN GROWTH
Winter and Spring of 1977

First Christian Church — Fort Wayne, Indiana

Detach this form and mail or bring to church office, hand to pastors, or place in offering plate. Sign up for class offerings as soon as possible. All Retreats must be signed up for at least 15 days in advance. Some are limited in number and are on a first-come, first-serve basis. For local church events, it is preferable to pay along with registration but may be paid at first session. For non-local events, forms and deadlines of the programs must be followed by using the brochures and registration materials available in the church office. Please check all of your intentions at time of submitting this form.

WEEKLY STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

_____ Edge of Adventure, Sundays, 5:15 to 6:45 P.M.
_____ Understanding the Old Testament, Mondays, 7:15 to 9:00 P.M.
_____ Understanding the Old Testament, Thursdays, 9:30-11:00 A.M.
_____ Understanding the Old Testament, Thursdays, 7:15-9:00 P.M.
_____ Yoga Postures and Christian Meditation, Mon. 7:30-9:00 P.M.
_____ Yoga Postures and Christian Meditation, Thurs. 7:30-9:00 P.M.
_____ The Fat Is In Your Head, Tuesdays, 9:30 to 11:00 A.M.
_____ OverEaters Anonymous, Thursdays, 7:00-7:30 P.M.
_____ Five Week Series, GOOD GRIEF, Sundays, 5:15 to 6:45 P.M.
_____ Five Sessions, MONEY MANAGEMENT, Sundays, 5:15 to 6:45 P.M.
_____ Three Sessions, FINDING CHRIST, Sunday morning, January
_____ Three Sessions, FINDING CHRIST, Sunday morning, April
_____ Adult Discipleship Class, Sunday morning, February & March
_____ Adult Discipleship Class, Sunday morning, May & June
_____ Bi-weekly LIFE WITHOUT LIMITS, Monday, 10:00-11:30 A.M.

RETREATS AT CAMP BARBEE

_____ Spiritual Life Retreat - January 25 & 26
_____ Marriage Encounter Weekend - March 4-6
_____ Youth Discipleship Camp Out - February 18 & 19

DEVELOPMENTAL EVENTS

_____ BE A PEOPLE HELPER SEMINAR - January 7 & 8
_____ EDUCARE - January or March
_____ MICHIGAN FAITH AT WORK CONFERENCE - January 28 & 29
_____ HOW TO EQUIP LAY PEOPLE TO EVANGELIZE REGULARLY Jan. 28-30
_____ RENEWAL CONFERENCE led by Jerry Kirk - February 11 & 12
_____ SERENDIPITY ADVANCED TRAINING WORKSHOPS March 12 or April 2
_____ FAITH AT WORK LEADERSHIP TRAINING INSTITUTE May 8-14
_____ FESTIVAL OF HOPE - Chicago May 19-21

NAME _____ PHONE _____

ADDRESS _____ MONEY WITH FORM _____

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS TO YOU: *The following are sending Christmas Greetings to all of our church family:*

Fern & Paul Kenline
Lillian Scott
Mr. & Mrs. Wm. DeVinney
Leland & Mary Higgins
Jim & Becky Stucky
Maude Donahue
Art & Florance Huddleston
Margaret & Bill Love
Hugh & Gwynth Rice
Irene Cline
Audean Ashe
The Bruckmans
Vada Tatman
Steve Doles
Mary Wilhelm
Mr. & Mrs. Ralph Keller
Ed, Rose Hall, Dave, Steve, Gary
Barbara, Don & Ryan Short
Kenneth & Beulah Timmons
Martha & Stan Cole
Harold, Ramona, Dawn & Kevin Ketner
Jerry, Sandy, Eric, & Mark Zimmerman
Mike & Deb Brian
Clover & Lucille Branstrator
Grace & Paul Truby
The Robert Hendricks Family
Mary Cook
Earl & Reba Fusselman
Karen, Ron, Ronnie & John Flickinger
Merle, Betty, Steve & Bruce Grimm
The Ben Taylor Family

Send your Christmas Card for the Narthex Tree and a contribution in lieu of cost of many cards and stamps for the church. These gifts will be used for the Emily Flinn and Cleveland Christian Homes.

ACTIONS OF BOARD ON DECEMBER 7 AND CONGREGATIONAL MEETING ON DECEMBER 12

The congregational dinner of 200 persons confirmed the following persons to fill vacancies as nominated by the Lay Personnel Committee and approved by the Board in recent meetings: Elder - 6/79 Janet Weicker; Elder Representative to Board 6/79 Bert Leversee; Board of Diaconate 6/77 Andrea Benny; 6/78 Rose Jenkins; 6/79 Gary Falbe; 6/80 Pat Norman; Deacon Representative to Board 6/77 Ennis Brown and Bob Pauley; Deaconness Representative to Board 6/78 Beverly Hendricks, Congregational Representative to Board 6/78 Amelia Dare.

The Board approved a motion for the Board of Church Extension Investment concerning signatures for handling of funds invested with them. The Building Fund paid another $1,000 on its debt to Memorial Funds cutting it to $21,000.

On recommendation of the Evangelism Committee, approval was given to pay half expenses for participants in the "HELP EQUIP LAY PERSONS TO EVANGELIZE REGULARLY" Clinic in January in Cincinnati. Similar support of leadership development funds were recommended for the EDUCARE and RENEWAL CONFERENCE participants in January and February. The Board approved the full program of the School of Christian Growth as included in the

ACTION OF BOARD AND CONGREGATION (from page three)

special pages of this issue of THE TIDINGS.

On recommendation of the Property Committee our church insurance will be carried with Church Mutual Insurance Company at a considerable less cost than the new bid of our former agent.

COMMITMENTS SUPPORTING MINISTRY AND MISSION FOR 1977

We rejoice in the expression of 185 giving units to date towards 1977 giving intentions. Since 369 gave during 1975, we have many more to receive NOW! We need intentions from all in order to be assured of our goal of $125,507.

WHERE WE ARE - DECEMBER 14, 1976

64 Member Couples - One or both employed	$ 49,163.80
41 Member Couples - Retired	16,948.00
59 Single Adults - Non-married, divorced, widowed	18,951.40
14 Youth - Under 18	517.00
6 Non-Member Couples or Singles	2,750.00
1 Anonymous	156.00
185 Giving Units Committing a Total of	$ 88,486.20
Income-Endowment, Church School, Loose Offering	4,260.00
TOTAL ASSURED	$ 92,746.20

CYF NOTES

The Bell Choir will meet at 8:50 A.M. this Saturday to go and play at the Flinn Home in Marion. They meet at 7:50 Sunday to play during both worships.

$2 registration is needed this Sunday for the overnight Retreat at Barbee leaving the church at 2:00 P.M. on Wednesday, December 29 and returning at 4:00 P.M. on Thursday December 30.

D.M.A. HOLIDAY DINNER

12:00 Noon on Tuesday, December 28 at Waynedale CharKing. Program includes Christmas Story by Sara Smith and election of Steering Committee for 1977. Call reservations to the church office by Monday, December 27.

CHI RHO CHRISTMAS PARTY

Chi Rho Fellowship will have a Christmas Party on Wednesday, December 22 at the home of Miriam Bixenman. We will meet at 5:30 P.M. for a snack supper, with games and a gift exchange following. Bring a $1.00 gift for the exchange.

COLLEGE & CAREER CHRISTMAS PARTY

All persons of college age or those working who are in their twenties are invited to a Christmas Party at Scott Rayl's home, 4220 Richfield, Thursday, December 23 at 8:00 P.M. This will be a pizza party, according to Bruce Lehman, who is organizing this gathering.

BOOKS STILL ON SALE IN FELLOWSHIP HALL. EXCELLENT READING FOR ADULTS, YOUTH AND CHILDREN. GIVE MONEY FOR PURCHASES TO MIRIAM BIXENMAN, DR. CLINE OR BARBARA SHORT.

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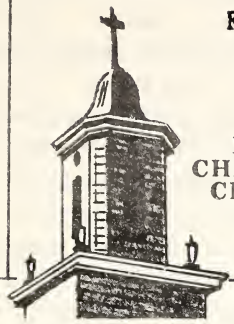

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CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS IN WORSHIP

CHRISTMAS EVE - FRIDAY, DECEMBER 24

7:00 P.M. -- Carols -- Scriptures -- Story "The Very Special Christmas" -- Birthday Celebration

11:00 P.M. -- Carols - Chancel Choir Anthems - Solos by Charles Newman and Rebecca Stucky -- 30 minute prelude beginning at 10:30 for quiet meditation with Barbara Busse on flute, Sara Davis on piano, and Jerry Zimmerman at the organ. Candlelighting

CHRISTMAS SUNDAY - SUNDAY, DECEMBER 26

8:15 A.M. - Meditative Worship - Chancel Choir singing three anthems - Dr. Cline preaching: "CHRISTMAS-MEETING A PERSON" (Isaiah 52:7-10, Hebrews 1:1-9; John 1:1-18)

10:45 A.M. - Divine Worship - Thanksgiving for Childbirth and Dedication of Parents - Christmas Celebration through music of Chancel Choir and Brass Ensemble.

7:00 P.M. - Celebration Worship - Led by Dean Widler

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR

We wish and pray that all may share the wonder and joy which comes from realizing the life-giving possibilities to all of us in the birth of the Christ Child. May the new year be filled with assurance and growth in God's love. Thank you for the privilege of serving our church family! Our Church Staff

Harold E. Cline *Miriam Bixenman* *Barbara Short*
Marilyn Byers *Arthur Mowery* *Jerry Zimmerman*
Sara Davis *Mel Busse* *Susan Jones* *Cory Church*

SERVING DECEMBER 26

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Cecil Rice and William Schilling

10:45 A.M. Bert Leversee and Ben Taylor

DEACONS

8:15 A.M. D. Keebortz, C. Church, B. Lehman, M.L. Hartzler

10:45 A.M. M. Lehman, H. Stevenson, G. Falbe, S. Knuckles, E. Nordblom, R. Baugher, R. Krull, R. Jenkins

USHERS

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, D. Smith

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, H. Stevenson, R. Chevalier

GREETERS

8:15 A.M. D. Keebortz-NW, C. Church-SW

10:45 A.M. E. Nordblom-NW, R. Jenkins-SW, G. Falbe-NE, H. Stevenson-SW

HOMEBOUND COMMUNION

Robert Hendricks-Rocky Baugher

Glenn Miller-Homer Stevenson

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Delores Keebortz & Russ Wortley

NURSERY WORKERS

8:15 A.M. N. Schilling

10:45 A.M. C. Busse, B. Hayes, B.S. Johnson

IN HOSPITALS

LUTHERAN:

M-220 Mrs. Bertina Hardy

572 Mr. Richard Hudrick

CALL FOR HELP

If any would be interested in driving one day a week in the community Homebound Meals Program. Call the church office. Help is needed.

CHRISTMAS OUTREACH OFFERING

To date we have received $531.69. Attention is given to complete this offering through the special envelopes as soon as possible. We rejoice that we are caring for persons daily through the year in 30 aged and child care institutions supported by our Christian Churches through National Benevolent Association of our church. We currently have a member and a mother of another member in the Flinn Home in Marion.

SWITCH IN PANTRY LEADERSHIP

Because of a coming hospitalization, Betty Grimm has asked relief as Pantry Chairwoman. Val Taylor is replacing her. We thank Betty for her dedicated work.

WEDDINGS BY PASTOR:

Michael Paul Moriarty and Cinda Rae Hunt on 12/18/76. They are residing at 7438 Homestead Road, Apt. #4, 04.

David Richard Esquivel and Marie Elizabeth Schmidt on 12/10/76. They are residing at 511 Clermont Dr. 07.

SPECIAL THANKS TO THE CHURCH:

For a donation to the Christmas Bureau.

For providing food for a family of 8 from the Martin Luther King Center.

PANTRY NEEDS: CANNED VEGETABLES
CANNED MEAT, CRACKERS

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS TO YOU *The following are sending Christmas Greetings to all of our church family:*

Delores Overmyer
Jack Sauerwein Family
Franklin McGuire Family
Bruce & Marge Lehman & Family
Mr. & Mrs. Al Doles
Delores & Scott Keebortz
John & Charlene Craig
Thelma Jackson
Tom & Marilyn Frappier & Family
The William Schilling Family
LaVerne Hunt
Ron, Jeanne, Robby & Laura Gerow
Gene, Anne & Jim Shirley
Dean & Elsie Widler
Margaret & Bert Leversee
Doyle, April, & Jon Hardy
Bob & Esther Clipp
Dorothy Schmidt
Susan & Shannon Jones
The Schryvers, Claire, Bud and Kurt
Barbara & Stew Blain, Dawn, Denise, & Diana Schrock
Harold & Colyn Crowder
Ellen Crowder
Mary & Rick McQueen & family
Jack & Janet Weicker
Jack, Pam, & Don Bickel
Edna, Harold, & Debbie Nordblom
Rick & Jane Hahn
George, Sara, Tammy, & Jimmy Davis
August Mueller
Leslie & Hortense Futterer
The Breedens, Bethel & Lillian
Earl & Ruth Plummer
Roxy Wunderlich
Miriam Bixenman
Clair & Peggy Buskirk
The Harold E. Cline Family
Andy Cook
Irene Current
Glenn & Lola Miller
Fern Strole
Dessie Buchman
Henry & Ethel Flowers
Dick & Barb Johnson
Dick & Susie Thompson
Arthur & Ruby Mowery
Bernice Montgomery
The Russell Wortley family
Mary Lou Hartzler
The Ralph Church family

Send your Christmas Card for the Narthex Tree and a contribution in lieu of cost of many cards and stamps for the church. To date $286.00 has been sent for the Christmas Card giving.

END OF YEAR GIVING:

We challenge all to be current in regular program and building fund giving as we end 1976. Mail gifts TODAY if you cannot attend Sunday.

1977 giving envelopes will be mailed for delivery early next week. If any desire envelopes and they do not arrive, contact the church office.

1977 Commitment Forms for giving are still needed. We currently have $91,458.20 in firm commitments and $4,260 in regular other income for a total of $95,718.20. We need to be hearing from many, many more members and friends to be sure of what can be planned and expected.

CHURCH CALENDAR

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 24
Church Office Closed
7:00 P.M. Family Worship
11:00 P.M. Candlelighting
Christmas Eve Worship

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 26
8:15 A.M. Meditative Worship
9:30 A.M. Church School
10:45 A.M. Divine Worship
7:00 P.M. Celebration Worship

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 28
12:00 Noon DMA Holiday Dinner, Waynedale Char King

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 29
1:30 P.M. CYF leave for Retreat at Barbee

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 30
7:30 P.M. NO Chancel Choir Rehearsal

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 31
12:00 Noon Church Office Closed

GOOD NEWS!

A special shipment from the American Bible Society brought us copies of the full version of the Bible in "Good News for Modern Man" version. We have, for some years now, been familiar with the New Testament in this translation in modern English, but it is now available in the full Bible. GOOD NEWS is a translation, not a paraphrase of the Bible. Copies of this Bible will be on sale in Fellowship Hall the balance of this week, and this Sunday, December 26. The cost is exactly what they cost us, $2.50. Books are still available from the special consignment also in Fellowship Hall.

SALE OF "1st CHRISTIAN FAVORITES"

These cookbooks are on sale by the Brummel Group at $3.00 or 2 for $5.00. You may call Val Taylor, 447-2880, or Rose Jenkins 456-6652 to order and they will be on hand Sunday morning. They may also be picked up anytime at the church office.

Proceeds will benefit the C.W.F. WATER, WOMEN, AND WORLD Project which provides water wells in India.

DMA CHRISTMAS DINNER

The DMA Holiday Dinner will be at Waynedale Char King on Tuesday, December 28, at 12:00 Noon. Reservations should be telephones to the church office or turned in on Sunday. This is a dutch treat meal, with everyone ordering from the menu. Sara Smith will bring us a Christmas Story as our program, and will will need to select a new steering committee for the year 1977.

HARMONY CLASS GOALS:

The Harmony Class passed both its attendance and Christmas offering goal December 19 with 20 in class and offering over $50. The Gospel Seekers exceeded their fall average on Dec. 12 Will any surpass their fall average on CHRISTMAS SUNDAY???

SCHOOL OF CHRISTIAN GROWTH

The registration forma on the special section of TIDINGS last week needs to be sent to the church office. If child care is needed for any weekly event, note this on the form.

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CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, JANUARY 2
8:15 A.M. Meditative Worship
9:30 A.M. Church School
10:45 A.M. Divine Worship
5:30 P.M. Youth Groups
7:00 P.M. Celebration Worship

MONDAY, JANUARY 3
7:30 P.M. Brummel Group, Linda Wiley, 1817 Buckskin

TUESDAY, JANUARY 4
9:00 A.M. Kepple Group, Ruby Johns, 1635 Spring St.
7:30 P.M. BOARD OF TRUSTEES

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 5
9:00 A.M. Spice Group, Hortense Stevenson, 5022 Gardenview
7:30 P.M. Nelson Group, Delores Overmyer, 5443 Winchester Rd.
7:30 P.M. Higdon Group, Dorothy Schmidt, 219 W. Sherwood Terr.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 6
9:30 A.M. Living the Adventure
7:30 P.M. Chancel Choir
7:30 P.M. Cluster Meeting, Capital Funds

PANTRY NEEDS: CRACKERS, CANNED FRUIT, CANNED MEAT

BEGIN 1977 IN WORSHIP

May we work diligently to begin the new year with a perfect attendance in worship and study the first Sunday. Worship on the Lord's Day lays a good foundation for a seven story week.

Study Isaiah 61:10-62:3, Ephesians 1:3-18, and John 1:1-18 in preparation for the sermon of Sunday, "A PURPOSE TO FULFILL."

"WE WOULD SEE JESUS" is a good attidude to have during worship especially between Christmas and Easter. Be examining his life to find a style of life for living in 1977. Jesus is the living word of God whom we can learn from about God and about ourselves. May we truly find him the Lord of Life and living!

SERVING JANUARY 2

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Ralph Church and Robert Hendricks

10:45 A.M. Steve Harter and William Franklin

DEACONS

8:15 A.M. D. Keebortz, B. Pauley, M. Hartman, C. Church

10:45 A.M. M. Crouse, M. Finkhousen, M. Lehman, E. Nordblom, R. Krull, S. Hayes, K. Taylor, A. Benny

USHERS

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, D. Smith

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, R. Chevalier, H. Stevenson

GREETERS

8:15 A.M. D. Keebortz-SW, B. Pauley-NW

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COMMUNION PREPARATION

Pat Norman & Delores Keebortz

NURSERY WORKERS

8:15 A.M. M. Arruza

10:45 A.M. P. Norman, N. Lucas, D. Wortley

IN HOSPITALS

LUTHERAN:

M-220 Mrs. Bertina Hardy

566 Mr. Jack Sauerwein

SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED

To Mrs. Ruby Kolkman in the sudden death of her husband on 12/19/76.

1977 GIVING ENVELOPES

These should have arrived in your home by this time. If they have not, call the church office. We encourage their usage by young and old, members and friends. Please indicate giving amounts for Program Support, Building Fund, or any special designations. Let's all get started on 1977 with regular and proportionate church giving!

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

The January meeting will be help at 7:30 P.M., Tuesday, January 4. All members need to be present--we are at full strength now! We need insights and evaluations of all.

GIFT TO PANTRY

The Welfare Department again collected for our Pantry Program in which they are involved through referrals. From their Christmas collection, they delievered 4 large boxes and two grocery sacks of groceries plus $19.25 in cash. We thank them for this evidence of interest and assistance.

THANKS TO CHURCH

"Many thanks and deep appreciation for all the thoughtful kind things which have been done for my mother (Sarah Likens) by members of your church. They have brought her much joy.

Sincerely,

Mrs. LuWanda Driver

COMMITMENTS SUPPORTING MINISTRY AND MISSION FOR 1977

We have heard from 195 giving units to date concerning 1977 giving intentions. Since 369 gave during 1975, we would like to hear from many more so that projections and plans can be made. Our 1977 asking totals $125,507.

WHERE WE ARE - DECEMBER 23, 1976

71 Member Couples - One or both employed	$ 51,843.80
41 Member Couples - Retired	16,948.00
61 Single Adults - Non-married, divorced, widowed	19,519.40
15 Youth - under 18	565.00
6 Non-member couples or singles	2,750.00
1 Anonymous	156.00
195 Giving Units	91,782.20
Income via Endowment, Church School, Loose Offering	4,260.00
TOTAL TO DATE	96,042.20

SCHOOL OF CHRISTIAN GROWTH

NOW IS REGISTRATION TIME since many things begin happening on January 9 or that week! The full program was included in THE TIDINGS of December 15. Folders and registration forms are available at the church. Registration can also be made by calling the church office, or one of the pastors. Let the leaders know how so that adequate planning can take place.

USED STAMPS

Bette Gerrard, who processes our used stamps for mailing to our national office to be turned into Outreach money, reminds us to be sure to save all Christmas and special issue stamps. Tear them from the

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envelopes, but leave a border of envelope ¼ inch wide around the stamp. Stamps may be placed in the box on the window sill opposite the kitchen.

Campbell Soup labels for the Cleveland Home may be placed in Mrs. Bixenman's box.

GREETINGS *the following persons sent greetings to the entire church family:*

Charlie, Melly, Adam & Barry Newman
Bill, Andy, Janice, Jennifer, & Jill Benny
Bill & Anna Taylor
The Bechsteins, John & Carolyn, Mike, Terri, & Jeff
Mark, Rosemary, Eric & Jason Krull
The Merle Rices
Ethel Birkhold

DECEMBER AVERAGES

Worship	327
Church School	138
Program Support	$1,933.61
Building Fund	740.01

NEW MEMBERS DURING DECEMBER:
Mary Wilhelm
Monty Tobias

NOTE: The following two thank you letters came to us and we wanted to share them with you.)

DEAR FRIENDS:

We would like to thank you for the cookies (and Bell Choir Program) you gave the Flinn Home this Holiday Season. They were greatly appreciated and will help to provide a very Merry Christmas for the residents at the Flinn Home.

May God richly bless you and yours this Holiday Season,

George Florence, Administrator

DEAR FRIENDS:

"Glory to God in the Highest and on Earth Peace...," The Heavens same some nearly two thousand years ago...and some believed!

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Because they did and because you do and share your money that others may, angels are proclaiming God's love today...no not in white robes with wings...but angels just the same...looking like a Masai tribesman dressed in western clothes helping his nomadic fellow tribesmen to deal with the raising cattle in a confining society...looking like an American nurse "mothering" an Angolan refugee baby until he can overcome his malnutrition and be returned to his people...looking like a Chi Rho counselor at camp.... looking like you and me reaching out in love to a scared and lonely world.

Merry Christmas. faithful ones

Jean Woolfolk,
President
Church Finance Council

(NOTE: We have sent $1,000 for each of the last three months for basic mission finance of the Christian Church. In addition, $600 was sent from our Thanksgiving offering. It becomes dollars at work for Christ.)